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"One's shape
is a destination. One's
shape is a divine experience of
motion. One's shape is a tool of
expression. One's shape is not meant
to define that which makes you an
individual. One shape is meaningless.
One's shape is everything and
everyone."

— THE BOOK OF WORLDS,
PASSAGE OF THE KKI
(TRANSLATED FROM THE FRTI DIALECT)

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SEVERAL WEEKS AGO.

CAPTAIN AMERICA IS DEAD.

AN ASSASSIN'S BULLET HAS ENDED THE LIFE AND CAREER OF ONE OF THE COUNTRY'S TRUE HEROES AND PATRIOTS.

I REPEAT, THE SHOCKING STORY THIS HOUR IS THAT--

AND YOU KNOW WHOSE *FAULT IT IS?!!*

I'LL TELL YA...

CAPTAIN AMERICA IS DEAD • BULLET ENDS LIFE AND CAREER OF "TRUE PATRIOT" • INVESTIGATION PENDING • A DAY OF MOURNING TO BE HELD • BODY TO BE LAID TO RE

NICK FURY!!

YOU HEARD ME!! THIS WHOLE THING!!

RIGHT

CIVIL WAR... HEROES FIGHTING HEROES...

SO I GUESS THAT MEANS HYDRA, AIM, DOCTOR DOOM, NAMOR AND WHAT'S HIS FACE...THE FAT GUY...

I GUESS ALL *THOSE* PROBLEMS ARE SOLVED!!

WE'RE FIGHTING EACH OTHER?!!

WE'RE KILLING CAPTAIN AMERICA?!

MAN...

CAPTAIN AMERICA *IS DEAD!!* CAMELOT IS IN *SMITHEREENS!!*

AND *I BLAME FURY!!*

I'LL SAY IT. I'LL SAY IT RIGHT INTO HIS ONE GOOD EYE. NICK @#$% FURY.

HE LEFT US, MAN!!

WE'RE AGENTS OF *S.H.I.E.L.D.* WE'RE HIS *CHILDREN!!*

DUDE..

HE *LEFT!!* HE UP AND LEFT AND SENT EVERYTHING OUT OF WHACK.

IF NICK @#$% FURY WAS HERE THAT REGISTRATION ACT WOULD NEVER'VE SEEN THE LIGHT A'DAY!!

IT WOULD'A BEEN WHAT HE WIPED HIS--

DUDE. NOT HERE...

WHY?!

SO?

THAT'S 'DUM-DUM' DUGAN. THAT'S FURY'S BOY. KEEP IT DOWN. RESPECT YOUR ELDERS.

HE LOOKS THE WAY I FEEL.

HE'S NOT *JUST* AN AGENT OF S.H.I.E.L.D. HE WAS THE ***FIRST***. HE WAS THE ***BEST***. HE DOESN'T NEED TO HEAR YOUR BULL--

HE LOOKS LIKE HE ***AGREES*** WITH ME.

FURY LEFT AND GOT CAPTAIN AMERICA KILLED!!!

CREEE

CRASSSHH

EXIT

GKK!
GOD!!
RATTLE

DON'T SHOOT, DUGAN.

COUNTESS VALENTINA ALLEGRA DEFONTAINE.

YOU--YOU--*WHERE* YOU BEEN?

MY FRIEND... IT IS SO GOOD TO SEE YOU.

WHERE YOU BEEN, VAL?

MADRIPOOR. I WAS COMING BACK WHEN I HEARD THE NEWS. IS IT TRUE? IS CAPTAIN AMERICA DEAD?

YEAH. IT'S TRUE.

NO, I MEAN...

...IS IT A TRICK? IS IT A--

IT'S HIM, VAL.

HE'S GONE.

DAMN IT.

WHAT ARE WE GONNA DO NOW, HUH?

WHERE YOU BEEN?

I JUST TOLD YOU. BUT I'LL TELL YOU WHY I WAS THERE. I WAS LOOKING FOR NICK.

DO YOU KNOW WHERE HE IS?

SHIELD

I SWEAR TO GOD, VAL, I THOUGHT HE WAS WIT' YOU.

NO.

WELL, THAT SURPRISES ME. I WOULD'A BET MY LAST DONUT YOU GUYS FINALLY RAN OFF TOGETHER.

NO.

AND YOU HAVEN'T HEARD FROM HIM?

NO.

PLEASE, DUGE, I REALLY NEED TO-- I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE HE'S OKAY.

I HAVEN'T HEARD FROM HIM. I SWEAR TO GOD.

THAT'S WHAT THEY CALL GOOD NEWS AND BAD NEWS.

SNIKT

GUKK!

CHUCK

BOOM

GGSSKK!!

SSHH...

DON'T WORRY.

HE LOVES YOU.

"A wave of destruction. Nothingness. And out of nothingness will you outstretch your hand and take in that which needs you. Only then will the doors to the heavens open for you and your brothers."

— THE BOOK OF WORLDS, PASSAGE OF THE 11 (TRANSLATED FROM THE FRTI DIALECT)

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YEARS AGO...

THE SKRULL THRONEWORLD HAS BEEN DESTROYED AND THE ARMADA IS CLOSE TO RUINS.

THEN THE SCRIPTURE WAS RIGHT.

YES, YOUR EXCELLENCE.

AND NOW YOU'VE COME BACK TO ME.

YES, MY QUEEN.

THEN HERE'S WHAT SHALL BE DONE...

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IRON MAN,
DIRECTOR OF S.H.I.E.L.D., THE WORLD PEACEKEEPING FORCE, AVENGER

I'M ABOUT TO TELL YOU A SECRET.

THE BIGGEST SECRET THERE IS IN THE WORLD.

I'M TELLING YOU BECAUSE-- BECAUSE I JUST DON'T KNOW WHAT ELSE TO DO.

NOW.

MARVEL COMICS PROUDLY PRESENTS:

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THE SKRULL EMPIRE.

DOZENS OF WORLDS RULED OVER BY A RACE OF SHAPE-SHIFTING LIFE FORMS.

THEY'RE HERE NOW. LIVING AMONG US.

UNDETECTABLE.

HOW DO I KNOW?

BECAUSE THE AVENGERS WENT TO JAPAN AND THIS IS WHAT THEY FOUND.

ELEKTRA?

ELEKTRA THE NINJA ASSASSIN WAS A SKRULL?

YES.

FOR HOW LONG?

AND WHY COULDN'T ANYONE TELL?

THESE ARE THE QUESTIONS.

AND SHE'S NOT THE ONLY ONE. THERE ARE OTHERS. I KNOW THIS TO BE FACT.

YOU TWO ARE THE SMARTEST PEOPLE ON THE PLANET.

I'M LOOKING RIGHT AT YOU AND I SEE--MY ARMOR SEES--DOCTOR REED RICHARDS OF THE FANTASTIC FOUR AND DOCTOR HANK PYM OF THE AVENGERS AND THE FIFTY STATE INITIATIVE.

BUT I DON'T *KNOW* IF YOU ARE WHO YOU SAY YOU ARE.

AND WE HAVE TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS.

NOW.

BECAUSE THIS IS JUST THE BEGINNING.

I *KNOW* IT.

THE PEAK.
HEADQUARTERS OF S.W.O.R.D. ORBITING EARTH.

COMMANDER ON DECK!

COMMANDER DUGAN, IT IS AN HONOR TO MEET YOU, SIR.

AT EASE, AGENT BRAND.

ALL Y'ALL... IT'S OKAY. AT EASE.

THIS IS JUST A GET-TOGETHER BETWEEN US WORLD SAVIN' AGENCIES. NOTHIN' TO GET OUT THE PARADE BALLOONS FOR.

YOU'LL HAVE TO EXCUSE THEM, COMMANDER. YOU ARE ONE OF THE ALL-TIME GREATEST AGENTS OF S.H.I.E.L.D. EVER.

THEY'RE EXCITED TO MEET YOU.

WELL, THAT'S AWFUL NICE A' EVERYBODY.

THIS IS SOME SHINDIG YOU GUYS SLAPPED TOGETHER HERE.

AS YOU KNOW, YOU ARE STANDING IN THE HUB OF THE *SENTIENT WORLD OBSERVATION AND RESPONSE DEPARTMENT*.

AND AS THE PLANET'S COUNTER-TERRORISM AND INTELLIGENCE AGENCY WHICH DEALS WITH EXTRATERRESTRIAL THREATS, WE HAVE THE--

RED ALERT. RED ALERT. RED ALERT

WHAT DO WE GOT?

WE GOT A BOGIE.

AND IT'S COMING IN FAST!

GIVE IT TO ME!
UNIDENTIFIED ALIEN CRAFT HITTING EARTH SPACE AT VECTOR SEVEN DASH THREE DASH NINE.
THAT'S A SKRULL SHIP!
IT'S A TRANSPORT.
A SKRULL SHIP. *ONE* SKRULL SHIP?
IT'LL BE IN EARTH'S ATMOSPHERE IN--*NOW!* IT *JUST* HIT EARTH'S ATMOSPHERE.
AND IT'S FLYING.
WHERE'S IT HEADED?
HOLD ON!
OKAY, OKAY. IT'S *DEFINITELY* OF SKRULL ORIGIN AND IT'S GOING TO CRASH-LAND IN...HOLD ON.
COORDINATE ESTIMATION PUTS IT RIGHT SMACK DAB IN...
...THE SAVAGE LAND, MA'AM.
CRASH LANDING IN 2.2 MINUTES.
GET ME TONY STARK.
NOW!

OKAY, TONY, WHAT *EXACTLY* ARE WE LOOKING FOR...?

HOW THIS SKRULL WAS ABLE TO SHAPESHIFT *AND* STAY COMPLETELY UNDETECTABLE--

COMPLETELY UNDETECTABLE?

--TO MUTANT POWERS, MAGIC-BASED POWER SETS AND TECHNOLOGIES.

UNDETECTABLE...

THIS IS NEW.

THIS *IS* NEW.

OR IT'S A TRICK.

HOW IS IT A TRICK?

MAYBE THOSE AVENGERS ARE SKRULLS AND THEY'RE MESSING WITH YOU.

EITHER WAY--MY ARMOR, OUR TECH--NOTHING DETECTED IT.

THIS BODY IS THE KEY.

UNDETECTABLE...

I NEED TO ACCESS MY BAXTER BUILDING FILES. I HAVE EXTENSIVE SKRULL RESEARCH THAT I'VE COMPILED--

GOOD, GOOD.

DIRECTOR STARK, THIS IS MARIA HILL. WORD FROM S.W.O.R.D. WE GOT A DOWNED BOGIE. IT'S SKRULL.

CRASH-LANDED? ANY SURVIVORS?

WE CAN'T TELL. WE HAVE TO SEND A TEAM IN. I CAN GO MYSELF.

NO, I GOT IT.

WHAT IS IT?

I HAVE TO GO.

OH, OKAY. WE CAN DO *THIS*.

I'LL CALL IN FOR REPORTS.

WHAT HAPPENED?

I'LL CALL IN.

HE'LL CALL IN.

AVENGERS ASSEMBLE.

I'M THE ONLY ONE HERE, TONY. WHAT'S GOING ON?

GATHER THE TROOPS AND FIRE UP THE QUINJET, SPIDER-WOMAN.

A SKRULL SHIP JUST CRASHED IN THE SAVAGE LAND.

SPIDER-WOMAN.
AVENGER
AGENT OF S.H.I.E.L.D.

IS THIS IT?

WE'LL KNOW SOON. STARK OUT.

BIP BIP BOOP

EDWIN JARVIS.
BUTLER,
AVENGERS TOWER.

HELLO?

WELL, IT'S HAPPENING.

SECRET AVENGERS HIDEOUT.

WHAT IS?

SKRULL SHIP CRASHED IN THE SAVAGE LAND. TONY'S GATHERING THE TROOPS.

BUT IT'S GOING TO TAKE A BIT. EVERYONE'S SCATTERED.

AND YOU WANT A BUNCH OF RENEGADE HEROES RUNNING FROM THE LAW TO DO WHAT ABOUT IT?

LUKE CAGE

AT THIS POINT I TRUST **YOU** MORE THAN STARK. YOU MIGHT GET A HEAD START.

WOULDN'T YOU **LIKE** A HEAD START?

TK!

WOLVERINE ECHO IRON FIST RONIN SPIDER-MAN

WHAT WAS THAT?

HEY, MAN, I NEED A SOLID. ASAP.

A QUICK DROP. YEAH? YOU DA MAN.

BIP BIP BOOP

YOU GUYS READY TO PISS OFF EVERYONE?

BOY, **AM** I!

AVENGERS TOWER.
ROOFTOP.

HELICARRIER, THIS IS AGENT ROMANOVA. OVER.

TELL TONY THE QUINJET'S GASSED AND READY. JUST WAITING FOR SIMON, CAROL AND BOB.

WHERE DID YOU--

YOU PEOPLE ARE OUT OF YOUR @#$%--

BLACK WIDOW.
AGENT OF S.H.I.E.L.D., AVENGER.

THWAP

BONK

FAR AS I GO, GUYS.

YOU SURE, CLOAK? WE COULD USE THE--

YOU NEED SOME OF MY TELEPORTING CLOAK? NO PROBLEM.

STEALING TONY STARK'S CAR? YOU GUYS HAVE FUN.

MAN, NATASHA'S GOING TO *KILL* ME WHEN SHE WAKES UP. WE USED TO GO OUT.

WHO *HAVEN'T* YOU GONE OUT WITH?

THREE AND A HALF MINUTES LATER...

WHERE THE #$%^ IS MY QUINJET?!

UH, JUST F.Y.I....

TONY STARK *CAN* TAKE CONTROL OF THIS QUINJET FROM HIS ARMOR.

NOT ANYMORE.

I JUST GUTTED THE MOTHERBOARD.

NICE.

HE CAN STILL *FOLLOW* US.

HE CAN?

HE CONTROLS THE WORLD'S SATELLITES.

FINE BY ME.

THE MIGHTY AVENGERS

WONDER MAN

THE SENTRY

MS. MARVEL

SAVAGE LAND.

THIS'LL BE FUN, HE SAYS SARCASTICALLY.

I THOUGHT IT WAS A MADE-UP PLACE.

OH, IT'S REAL...

A HIDDEN LAND THAT TIME FORGOT SNUGGLED AWAY IN THE DEEP DEPTHS OF THE ANTARCTIC.

HEY, SO WE KNOW THIS ISN'T A TONY STARK TRAP *HOW* EXACTLY?

THEY HAD *PLENTY* OF OPPORTUNITIES TO BUST US WITHOUT ALL THIS.

EXACTLY.

AND HOW DO WE KNOW IT ISN'T A SKRULL TRAP?

I *HOPE* IT'S A SKRULL TRAP.

I'M SO SICK OF HIDING. I'M SICK OF NOT TRUSTING EACH OTHER.

I MISS MY WIFE AND KID. I WANT TO PUT THIS RIGHT. I WANT THINGS TO GO BACK TO NORMAL.

WHEN WERE THINGS NORMAL?

RELATIVELY.

DO WE KNOW WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR WHEN WE GET THERE?

DON'T YOU WORRY.

I CAN TRACK ANYTHING ANYWHERE ANYTIME.

CRUNCH!

HOLD--

FROOOM

GRUUNNCHH

YOU COULDN'T TRACK THAT?

BOOM

WOW.

I WAS THINKING MORE LIKE... OW!

QUIET. THIS WAY.

SNIFF

KA-ZAR LIVES AROUND HERE. WE SHOULD FIND HIM.

LOOK...

WHAT IS THIS?

THIS IS WHERE THE NEW AVENGERS HAD OUR FIRST BATTLE.

NO.

AND THIS IS HOW YOU LEFT IT?

WHAT'S HAPPENED HERE?

LET'S GO. THIS AIN'T WHAT WE'RE HERE FOR...

THAT'S WHAT WE'RE HERE FOR.

YOU GETTIN' ANYTHING, LOGAN?

NAH, IT'S SEALED SHUT.

SO WE OPEN IT.

WELL, THAT DEPENDS.

ON...?

WHAT DO WE THINK WE'RE GOING TO ***SEE*** WHEN WE OPEN IT?

MAYBE THE ENTIRE SKRULL ARMY'S GOING TO POUR OUT.

OR ESCAPED HOSTAGES.

OR A COUPLE OF PRISONERS OF WAR. WITH ANSWERS.

OPEN IT.

WHATEVER WE DO, DO IT NOW...

...CUZ WE AIN'T ALONE ANYMORE...

STEP AWAY FROM THE SHIP!

YOU'RE UNDER ARREST!

WHAT?

NOW YOU'RE THE KING OF THE SAVAGE LAND TOO?

COME ON, GUYS! YOU'RE SMART ENOUGH TO KNOW WHEN TO STAND DOWN.

LUKE, SERIOUSLY, STAND DOWN.

NAH, I'M OPENIN' IT.

LUKE...

THAT SUIT OF YOURS AIN'T GONNA HURT ME. YOU KNOW THAT.

ACTUALLY, WHAT I *MEAN* TO SAY IS *TONY STARK* WOULD KNOW THAT. I AIN'T ENTIRELY SURE WHO *YOU* ARE.

BUT I KNOW IF *YOU* DON'T WANT ME TO OPEN THIS, THEN I'M DOIN' IT.

WHAT THE HELL DOES THAT MEAN?

I THINK IT MEANS HE THINKS STARK'S A SKRULL.

LUKE, COME ON... LET US HANDLE THIS.

RRR--

VREEEE!

HE LOVES YOU...

LUKE, COME ON...LET US HANDLE THIS.

LET US SSKKTCH--!

ALIEN VIRUS DETECTED

HE LOVES YOU...

LUKE, YOU ARE UNDER-- AGH!

OH MY GOD! TONY?!

UH...

GET BACK! EVERYONE JUST--

CLANK

HNNAAGGH!

HELICARRIER ONE, THIS IS MS. MARVEL. WE'RE IN THE SAVAGE LAND. WE NEED IMMEDIATE EVAC FOR TONY STARK.

NO! DON'T TOUCH HIM!

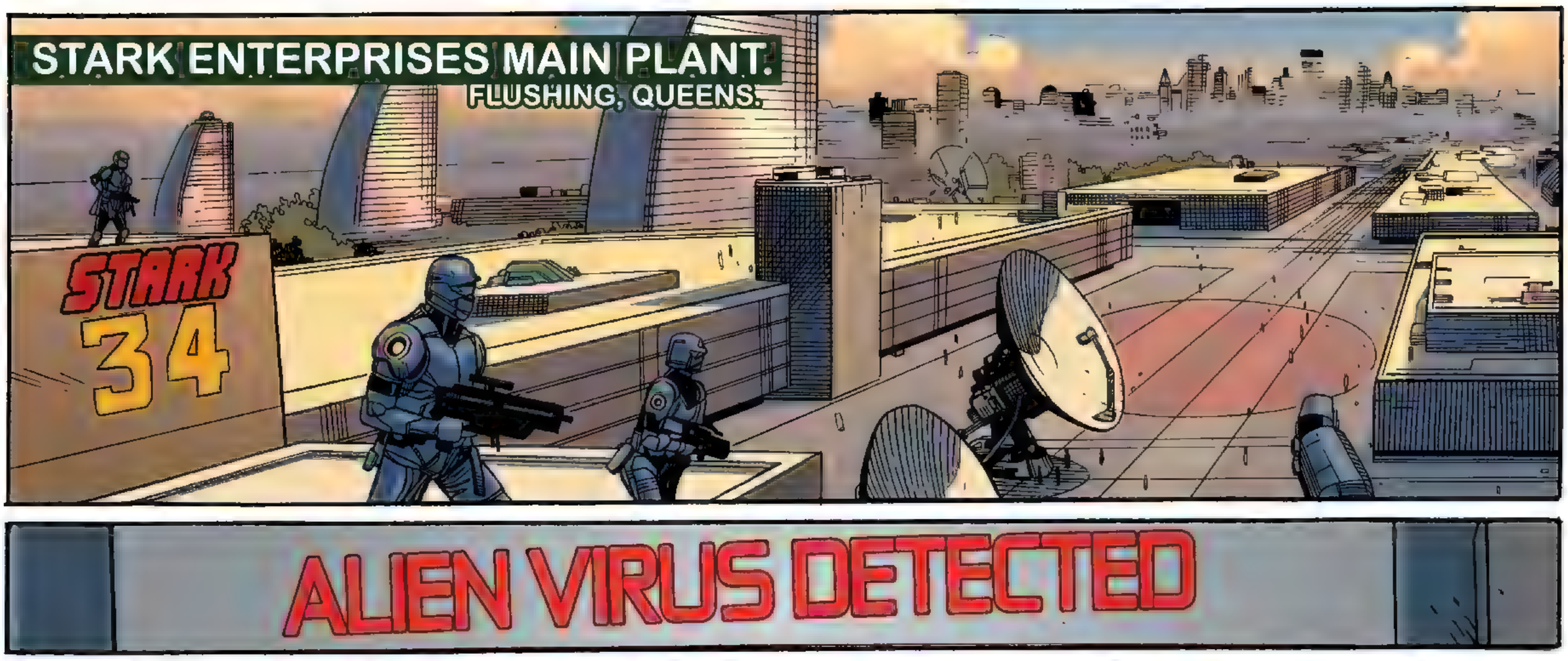
THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG WITH HIS-- HELICARRIER-- DO YOU READ?

I CAN FLY HIM OUT OF HERE.

COMMANDER HILL, WE HAVE FULL SYSTEMS MALFUNCTION!

THIS IS MARIA HILL! ALL HANDS!

ABANDON SHIP!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STARK
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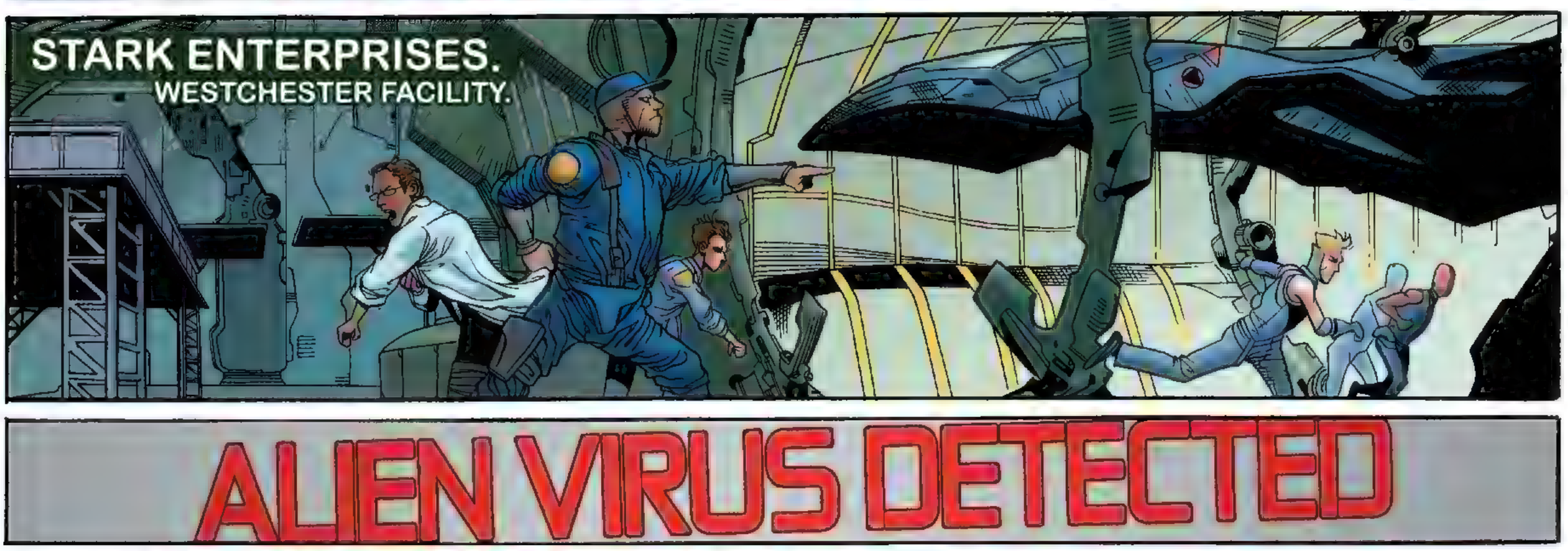
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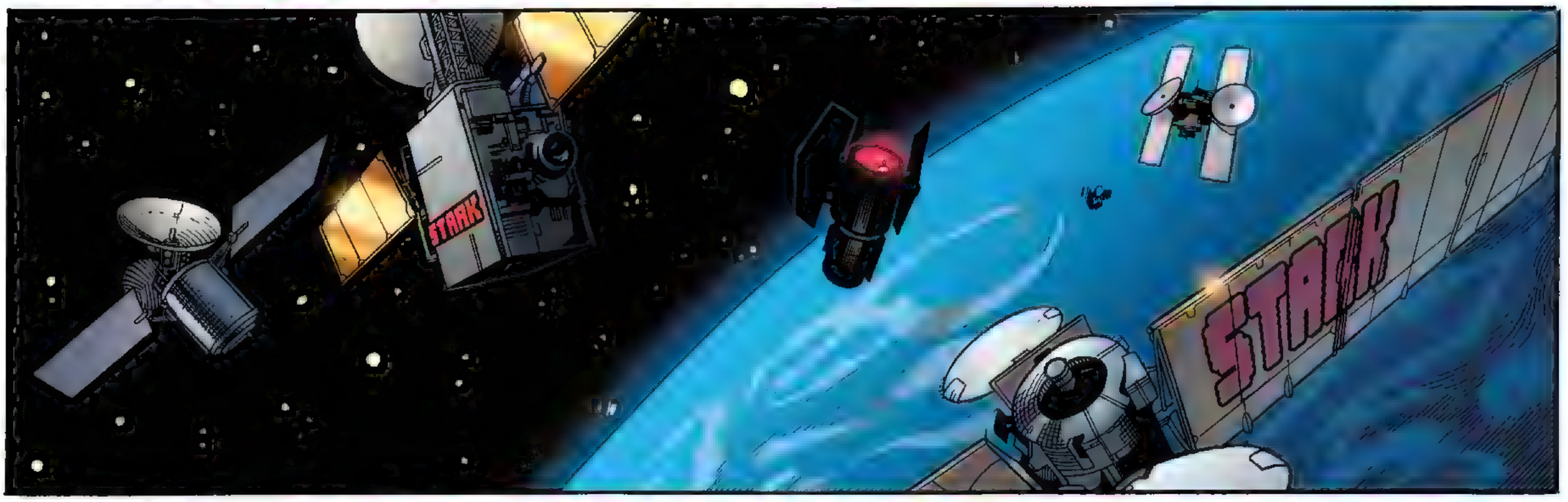
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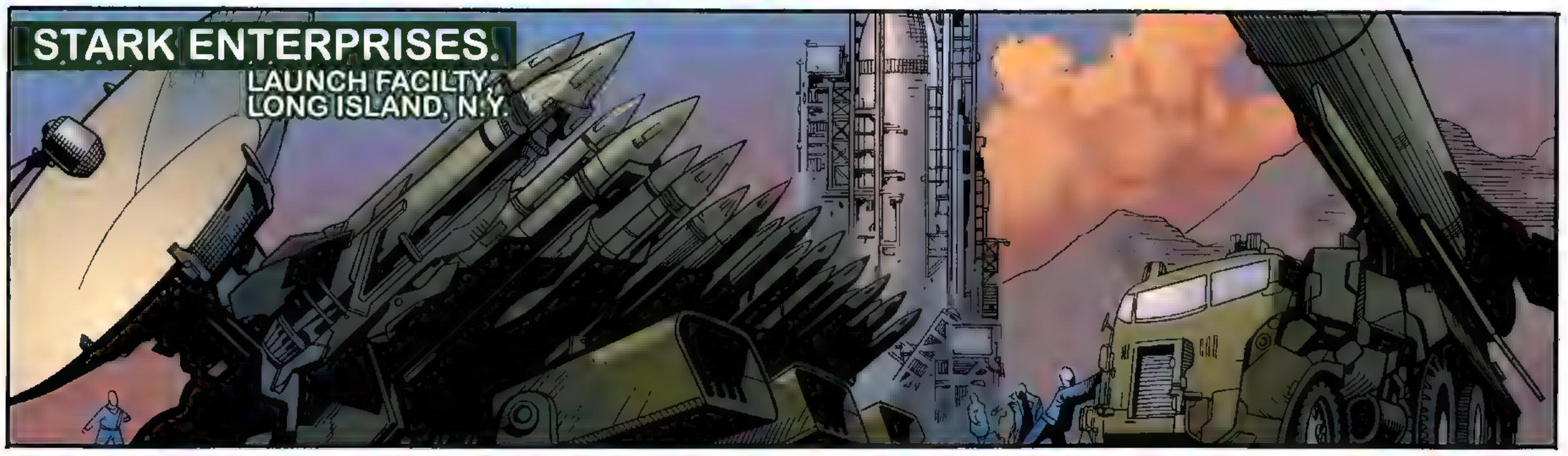
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LAUNCH FACILTY,
LONG ISLAND, N.Y.
ALIEN VIRUS DETECTED

THE RAFT.
RYKER'S MAXIMUM-MAXIMUM SECURITY INSTALLATION.

SHOCKWAVE.
CHECK.
VICTOR VON DOOM.
REALLY? WOW. CHECK.
THE ARMADILLO.
SERIOUSLY?

THE ARMADILLO.
CHECK.
MANDRILL.
CHECK.
MOLECULE M--

DETECT
ALIEN VIRUS
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ALIEN VIRUS
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ARE YOU KIDDING ME?

COMMAND DECK! THIS IS SUB-BASEMENT THREE!
WE HAVE A REAL SITUATION HERE!

THE CUBE.
MAXIMUM SECURITY PENITENTIARY.

ALIEN VIRUS DETECTED

NOH-VARR, MARVEL BOY.
CONVICTED ALIEN TERRORIST. CURRENT MASTER OF THE CUBE.

WHAT'S THIS NOW?

I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR THIS MY WHOLE LIFE!

OUT OF MY WAY!

STOP WHAT YOU--!

KILL 'EM! KILL 'EM ALL!

SCREW THIS! HIT THE GATES AND LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!

AAARRGGHH!

I JUST WANT TO GET OUT OF HERE!

OH NO! STAY! WE'RE ALL GOING TO GET KILLED!

TIME TO GO.

THUNDERBOLTS MOUNTAIN.
COYOTE SPRINGS, COLORADO, HEADQUARTERS OF THE THUNDERBOLTS.
I'M SAYING ONE OF US SHOULD GO ON THESE SHOWS AND WE SHOULD DO SOME DAMAGE CONTROL.
NORMAN OSBORN, DIRECTOR OF THE THUNDERBOLTS.
THE THUNDERBOLTS PROGRAM IS FOR PUTTING CONVICTS LIKE YOURSELF--
OSBORN, I *KNOW* WHAT THE THUNDER--
I DON'T THINK YOU *DO*. YOU'RE CRIMINALS. AND YOU WORK FOR ME. NO ONE CARES ABOUT YOUR--
WAIT, DID YOU HEAR THAT?
WHOA!
OKAY, LET'S GET DOWN TO THE LOADING DOCKS AND GET--
POP
SPAK
POP
SPING
FABOOM
AGH!

MANHATTAN.

WELCOME TO THE BAXTER BUILDING, THE HOME OF THE FANTASTIC FOUR-- THE FIRST FAMILY OF THE FANTASTIC.

NOT ONLY IS THIS THEIR HOME, BUT IT'S ALSO THE LOCATION OF THE AMAZING LABORATORIES OF PROFESSOR REED RICHARDS WHO WON THE NOBEL PRIZE FOR DISCOVERING THE EXISTENCE OF WHAT WE REFER TO AS *"THE NEGATIVE ZONE."*

A PARALLEL DIMENSION WHOSE PROPERTIES AND SCIENCES ARE A SKEWED AND UNEXPLAINABLE VERSION OF OUR OWN.

I.D. CONFIRMED.

WELCOME HOME, SUSAN.

HI, MOM.

HEY, SIS, I THOUGHT YOU WERE IN VANCOUVER.

SUE?

MOM?

MOM NEEDS A TIME-OUT?

GUESS SO.

I.D. CONFIRMED.

WELCOME, SUSAN RICHARDS.

NEGATIVE ZONE VIEWER. QUADRANT 45-55

NEGATIVE ZONE PORTAL. WARNING. USE CAUTION.

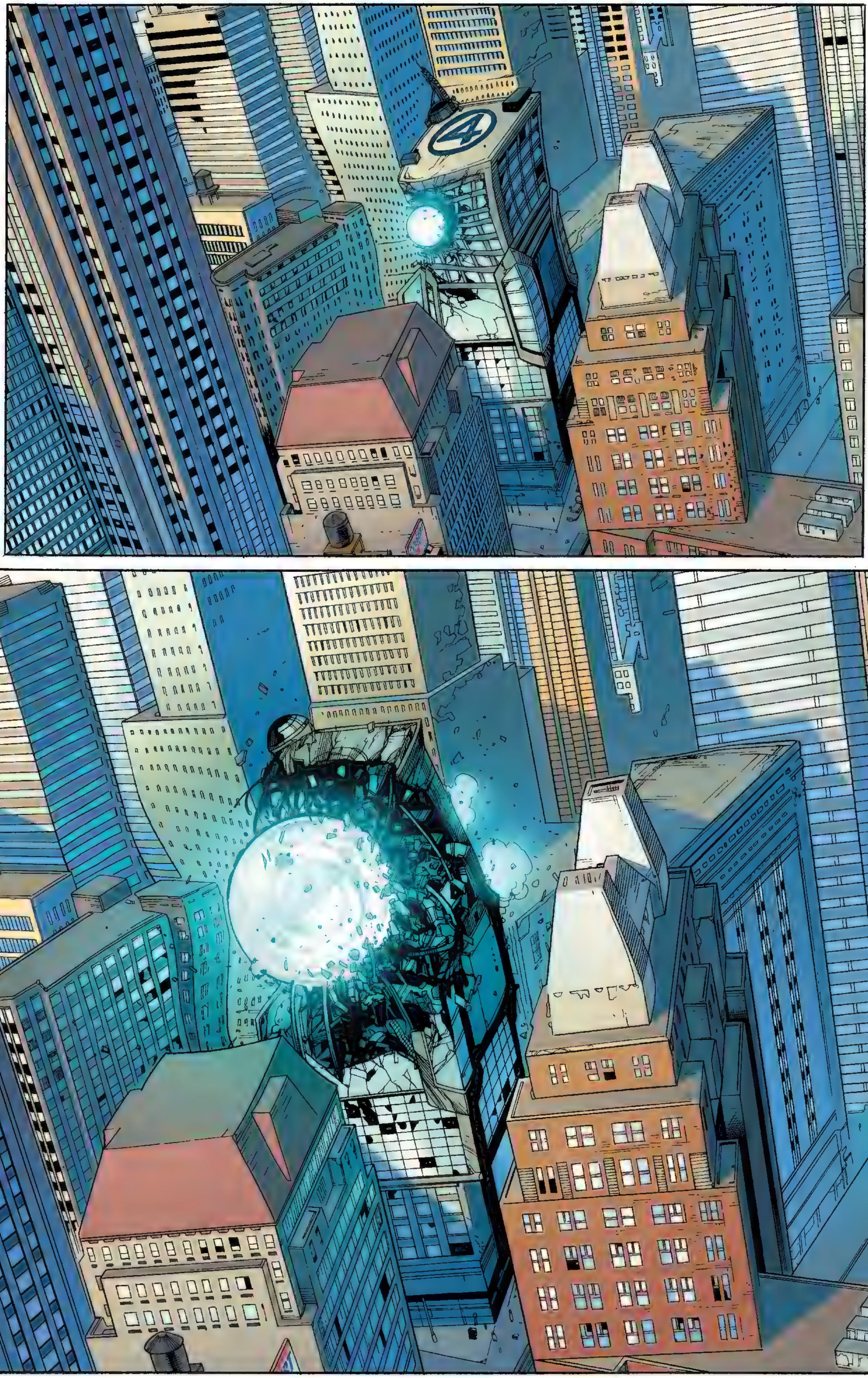
NEGATIVE ZONE BREACH.

DANGER. DANGER.

HE LOVES YOU...

UNCLE JOHNNY!

SUSAN!



THE SAVAGE LAND.

HE'S HAVING A SEIZURE.

AAAGGHH!

I'M TAKING HIM.

WHAT'S WRONG WITH HIM?

IT'S @#$%. IT'S--

I DON'T THINK IT IS. I THINK HE'S BEEN INFECTED WITH SOMETHING--

IT'S NOT A TRICK, LUKE. TONY, CAN YOU *HEAR* ME?

GET THIS ARMOR OFF OF HIM. ARES, GRAB THE BOOTS.

WHAT COULD DO THIS TO HIM?

A VIRUS, MAYBE, BUT I DON'T KNOW ANY KIND THAT HE WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO INSTANTLY DEFLECT--

OH, MY STARS AND GARTERS!

I WAS GONNA SAY SWEET CHRISTMAS!

IS THIS IT?

DID WE MAKE IT BACK TO EARTH?

YEAH, I WAS JUST ABOUT TO SAY THAT... CUZ...

...I KNOW WHO I AM...

...BUT WHO ARE *YOU* GUYS SUPPOSED TO BE EXACTLY?

HELICARRIER, PLEASE COME IN!

THIS IS AGENT BRAND. PLEASE, THE PEAK STATION IS GONE! WE HAVE MASSIVE CASUALTIES!

AND--AND MY PEOPLE ARE STUCK OUT HERE.

CAN YOU HEAR ME? WE'VE ONLY GOT TEN MORE MINUTES OF AIR...

CAN ANYONE...

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I--I THINK I GOT IT.
I KNOW HOW THEY MADE THEMSELVES UNDETECTABLE.

YOU KNOW WHAT THE SKRULLS DID? THEY TOOK--

I DO ACTUALLY.

FSHAMMM

HE EVEN LOVES YOU

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THE SAVAGE LAND.

CAP, WHAT IS THIS?

BUT WE'RE ON *EARTH*, RIGHT?

I DON'T KNOW, SHELLHEAD!

LOOKS LIKE THOSE DAMN SKRULLS ARE PULLING ANOTHER TRICK OUT OF THEIR SLEEVES.

OH, WILL YOU CUT THE BULL!

I'M PICKING UP SOME BRAINWAVES HERE, GUYS. THEY THINK WE'RE THE SKRULLS.

AFTER WHAT WE'VE BEEN THROUGH, I DON'T CARE WHAT THEY WANT US TO THINK THEY THINK.

YOU SKRULLS HAVE ABOUT TWO SECONDS TO TELL US--

AVENGERS, LISTEN TO ME NOW...

NNNNN...

STARKTECH ARMOR COMPLETE SYSTEM FAILURE. VIRUS DETECTED. ALL SYSTEMS FAILING.

STARK, DANVERS, ALL OF YOU AVENGERS, YOU GO BACK TO THE MAINLAND.
NOW!
THIS IS A TRAP.
STARKTECH ARMOR COMPLETE SYSTEM FAILURE.
OKAY, BUT--
VIRUS DETECTED. ALL SYSTEMS FAILING.
CHRISTMAS! THIS IS WHAT YOU SKRULLS THINK A' ME?
WAIT, LUKE, THAT'S SUPPOSED TO BE YOU?
WORD.
I KNOW WHAT Y'ALL ARE TRYIN' TO DO.
STARKTECH ARMOR COMPLETE SYSTEM FAILURE. VIRUS DETECTED. ALL SYSTEMS FAILING.
I AM ARES, THE GOD OF WAR, AND YOU WILL LISTEN TO ME.
THIS IS NOT THE FIGHT. THIS IS A TRAP.
BUT IT'S SOMETHING WE HAVE TO FACE.
CLINT, BABY? WHAT'S GOING ON?
WE'RE BEING MESSED WITH. HOLD STEADY, DOLL.
STARKTECH ARMOR COMPLETE SYSTEM FAILURE.
OH MY GOD!
BOBBI?
VIRUS DETECTED. ALL SYSTEMS FAILING.
DAMN, I CAN'T TELL WHO'S WHO--
GUYS, MY SPIDER-SENSE ISN'T EVEN TINGLING...
STARKTECH ARMOR COMPLETE SYSTEM FAILURE. VIRUS DETECTED. ALL SYSTEMS FAILING.
REALLY? BECAUSE MINE'S DOING THE HUSTLE.
MY SENSORS INDICATE THAT THEY ARE HUMAN, BUT--
STARKTECH ARMOR COMPLETE SYSTEM FAILURE.
ALL OF YOU THAT CAN FLY... GET OUT OF HERE! I'LL HOLD OFF--
VIRUS DETECTED. ALL SYSTEMS FAILING.
WERE YOU SKRULLS, WHAT? FOLLOWING US OR WAITING FOR US?
I DON'T GET IT! HOW WOULD THE SKRULLS KNOW WHERE WE WERE GOING TO CRASH-LAND?
EITHER WAY, I'D LIKE TO SMACK THE @#$% OUT OF ALL OF YOU, IF THAT'S OKAY WITH EVERYONE ELSE.
WORD!
STARKTECH ARMOR COMPLETE SYSTEM FAILURE. VIRUS DETECTED. ALL SYSTEMS FAILING.
I KNOW YOU SKRULLS ARE LOOKING TO START SOME.
I KNOW.
AND I WISH I WAS A STRONG ENOUGH MAN TO WALK AWAY FROM YOUR DISRESPECT...
STARKTECH ARMOR COMPLETE SYSTEM FAILURE.
VIRUS DETECTED. ALL SYSTEMS FAILING.

BUT YOU ALL *REALLY* NEED YOUR ASSES KICKED!

AGH!

VIRUS DETECTED. ALL SYSTEMS FAILING.

TONY, I KNOW YOU'RE HURTING BUT YOU'VE GOT TO GET IT TOGETHER, MAN. WE NEED YOU.

JUST GO! GO!

RRRRA! HAVE AT THEE!

ARGH!

WELL, I *DO* HATE MYSELF, BUT I DON'T KNOW IF I FEEL LIKE SMACKING MYSELF AROUND.

UGH! PLEASE TELL ME I'M *NOT* THIS ANNOYING.

YOU ARE.

(I KNOW.)

FIIIIZZZ

SHUT IT!

CRACK

NATASHA, HOW--

JUST--HEY, MAN--SETTLE DOWN AND TALK TO ME. ARE YOU THE VISION?

MY NAME IS BOB REYNOLDS. I'M THE SENTRY. I'M AN AVENGER NOW. IF YOU'RE REALLY THE VISION, I CAN--

THIS IS WHAT YOU WANTED, BOB.

WHAT?

WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

YOU DID THIS, BOB. THIS IS *ALL* YOU.

I AM THE VOID AND I BROUGHT THIS TO YOU, BECAUSE I *AM* YOU.

NOOO!

YOU BIRTHED THIS INTO EXISTENCE. I'M HERE BECAUSE YOU WANTED IT.

EVERYTHING IS COMING TOGETHER JUST LIKE YOU PLANNED.

YOU'RE DESTROYING THEM ALL FOR FORGETTING YOU WHEN YOU NEEDED THEM THE MOST.

NNNNO...

NOOO!

SNIKT

LET'S JUST GET--LET'S FIND THE REST OF THE FANTASTIC FOUR AND THE OTHERS!

LET'S FIND *MY HUSBAND*. HE'LL FIGURE THIS OUT.

ALL I KNOW IS, IF THERE'S ONLY *ONE* WAY TO FIGURE OUT WHO'S A SKRULL...

...THEN I'M *MORE* THAN HAPPY TO DO IT!

THIS BATTLE IS FOR NAUGHT! WE ARE NEEDED *ELSE*WHERE.

LET'S CALL A TIME-OUT, THEN.

CLOCK

AGH!

LIKE I HAVEN'T BEEN THROUGH ENOUGH THIS YEAR.

BOOM

HUT!

ALL KINDS OF CRAZY.

AGH!

FIIIZZZZZCHUNCK

CHUNCK

AIIEE!

CAP'S DEAD, YOU SKRULL MOTHER!

FIIIZZZZZCHUNCK

DAMN, MAYBE THAT IS--

HUUAAARRRGGAARR!

FOOM

HUUAARRGGARR!

SQUITCH!

HUUAARRGGARR!

THERE.

WHAT IS THAT?

IT'S THE-- AGH--IT'S THE MUTATE CITADEL. IT BELONGS TO THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLE OF THE SAVAGE LAND.

THERE *WAS* A LABORATORY IN THERE ONCE UPON A TIME.

HOPEFULLY-- AGH--HOPEFULLY IT'S STILL THERE.

OH MY GOD...WHAT HAPPENED HERE?

CAROL, LISTEN TO ME...

YOU-YOU FLY BACK TO THE MAINLAND... NOW!

I'VE BEEN INFECTED WITH-- WITH WHAT I MUST ASSUME IS AN ALIEN VIRUS.

ALL MY TECH IS DAMAGED. S.H.I.E.L.D., AVENGERS TOWER...

I HAVE TO REBUILD FROM SCRATCH.

BUT THE OTHERS, OUR TEAM...

CAROL, THE ENTIRE *WORLD IS IN DANGER!*

YOU GO BACK TO THE MAINLAND! YOU *FIND OUT* WHAT'S HAPPENED.

GATHER THE INITIATIVE. GATHER *EVERYONE* WHO'S LEFT...

WHAT ARE *YOU* GOING TO DO?

I BUILT MY FIRST ARMOR FROM A LOT LESS THAN *THIS*.

I'M GOING TO DO THE ONE THING SKRULLS CAN'T IMITATE.

USE MY BRAIN.

GO!

SNIFF...

I DON'T CARE *WHO* YOU LOOK LIKE...YA COME NEAR ME, I'LL GUT YA.

EXCEPT YOU CAN'T. UNBREAKABLE SKIN.

UNBREAKABLE CLAWS.

AND LOOK AT THAT...

GOOD, THAT MEANS THEY'RE ALL SKRULLS AND THEY WERE JUST--

DON'T MEAN NOTHIN'. NOTHIN' AT ALL.

EVERYONE SCATTERED.

DINOSAURS WILL *DO* THAT.

I JUST CAN'T SEE THE ANGLE. WHAT'S THE SKRULL *PLAN?*

THEY GOT US ALL STUCK DOWN HERE, FIGHTING FOR OUR LIVES, FIGHTING EACH OTHER.

FIGHTING A WAR WHEN WE CAN'T TRUST THE SOLDIER NEXT TO US.

WHY DON'T THEY JUST NUKE US OR-- OR SPACE-RAY US-- THEY HATE US SO MUCH?

I THINK THEY NEED THE PLANET *INTACT*. WITH US *NOT* ON IT. ESPECIALLY US.

THEY REALLY GOTTA *HATE* US AT THIS POINT. THEY WANT TO *TORTURE* US. THEY WANT US TO KILL *EACH OTHER.*

AND WE-- WE FELL FOR IT.

I DIDN'T SEE THE *SCOPE* OF IT. I DIDN'T SEE THEM TAKING STARK OUT.

IF THAT WAS EVEN HIM.

THESE SKRULLS, THE REASON YOU CAN'T FATHOM IT ALL...

...IS BECAUSE THE ONES *HERE*. THEY'RE HERE ON A SUICIDE MISSION.

THEY'RE HERE TO...

RUSTLE

SON OF A--

SNIKT

I KNEW WE HAD A SKRULL OR TWO IN OUR GROUP BEFORE WE CRASHED.

I JUST-- I...

MAN, THIS PISSES ME OFF.

STOP THE SKIT, SKRULL.

I'M NOT A SKRULL.

MY NAME IS BOBBI MORSE, CODENAMED MOCKINGBIRD. I'M AN AVENGER ***AND*** AN AGENT OF S.H.I.E.L.D.

I'VE BEEN STUCK UP THERE FOR, I DON'T KNOW, AT ***LEAST*** A YEAR AND I--

STOP IT!

TOO BAD WE'RE ALL OUT OF--

AGH!

ARRGGH!

CHUNCK

BACK AWAY FROM THE GIRL!

DON'T FALL FOR IT!
DAMN IT!
I'M NOT A--
RRUSSLLE
THOSE AREN'T YOUR TOYS TO PLAY WITH, PAL.
TELL ME SOMETHING ABOUT OCTOBER 12TH.
...
CLINT?
I KNOW WHO I AM.
OCTOBER 12TH!
BEFORE ALL OF THIS, WHEN WE WERE AVENGERS, A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO...
I-I HAD A MISCARRIAGE. WE DIDN'T TELL ANYONE.
ME AND MY HUSBAND. WE FIGURED HIS OR HER BIRTHDAY WOULD HAVE BEEN OCTOBER 12TH.
WE REALLY WANTED THAT KID. AND OCTOBER 12TH...
...THAT...WOULD HAVE BEEN A NICE DAY.
OCTOBER 12TH.
I SHOULD'A TESTED THE SKRULL HAWKEYE WITH THAT ONE.
YOU DIED.
NO. I DIDN'T.

I THOUGHT--

I THOUGHT--

IT'S OKAY.

BARTON...

I KNOW. BUT THIS IS *MY* CALL.

BUT--

I KNOW WHAT I KNOW.

THERE'S NO *WAY* THEY WOULD KNOW WHAT SHE JUST SAID. *NOBODY* KNOWS THAT.

IF *YOU* ARE WHO YOU SAY YOU ARE.

WELL, YEAH. OKAY.

WHAT ABOUT THE OTHERS YOU WERE IN THAT SHIP WITH?

AT THIS POINT--I DON'T KNOW.

MAYBE *THAT'S* REALLY JESSICA JONES. MAYBE NOT.

MAYBE THAT'S REALLY CAP.

OH, WELL, YEAH...

THAT'S CAPTAIN AMERICA FOR SURE.

HE'S THE ONE THAT GOT US BACK TO EARTH.

MANHATTAN.

OSCORP

HOLY--! ARE YOU *SEEING* THIS?

GUYS, WE GOTTA GO DO SOMETHING.

WE'RE THE YOUNG AVENGERS, WHAT ARE WE SUPPOSED TO DO ABOUT THE BAXTER BUILDING EATING ITSELF?

I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS IS HAPPENING.

OH MAN...

WE SHOULD FIND THE AVENGERS AND OFFER TO HELP.

OH MAN...

SERIOUSLY.

I-I THINK THAT'S A--

FA-BOOM

FA-BOOM

FA-BOOM

EVERYONE BRING A COSTUME?

WE'RE GONNA NEED MORE THAN COSTUMES...

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MARVEL

S.H.I.E.L.D. HELICARRIER.
BERMUDA TRIANGLE

OKAY, WHERE ARE WE?

IT'S DIFFICULT TO SAY, DEPUTY COMMANDER HILL. ALL SYSTEMS ARE DOWN.

SHALL WE TAKE A PEEK OUTSIDE?

CASUALTY REPORT?

MA'AM, ALL OUR SYSTEMS ARE DOWN.

THEN GET A PAD AND A PEN AND DO IT THE OLD-FASHIONED WAY!

YES, MA'AM.

ALPHA TEAM, GRAB SOME WEAPONS AND FOLLOW ME. WE'RE HEADING UP TO THE FLIGHT DECK.

I'VE HAD THE ***SAME CAR*** SINCE I WAS ***NINETEEN YEARS OLD***, NEVER HAD A PROBLEM.

YET ***THIS*** THING FALLS OUT OF THE SKY EVERY OTHER THURSDAY.

YES, MA'AM.

AGH!

OKAY, JUST HOLD STEADY AND--

MA'AM?

@#$%...

MS. HILL...

JARVIS?

THE AVENGERS' BUTLER.

WELL, THAT'S JUST PEACHES.

YES.

I WAS WONDERING IF YOU'D BE EVER SO KIND AS TO OFFER US YOUR FULL AND TOTAL SURRENDER.

THUNDERBOLTS MOUNTAIN.
COYOTE SPRINGS, COLORADO,
HEADQUARTERS OF THE
THUNDERBOLTS

KRAKOOM

YOU CAN'T DO IT, CAN YOU?

AND MY GUESS IS YOU'RE NOT *EXACTLY* WHO YOU'RE DRESSED AS.

MY NAME'S NORMAN OSBORN, THIS IS MY OFFICE YOU TRASHED AND MY PEOPLE YOU SMACKED AROUND.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE A DRINK AND TALK ABOUT IT?

CAMP HAMMOND.
TRAINING CAMP FOR ALL NEWLY REGISTERED HEROES IN THE INITIATIVE

HI, UH, WHAT'S GOING ON, EXACTLY?

WE ARE FREAKING OUT!

IS THIS A *DRILL*, MR. GAUNTLET?

AIN'T A DRILL, GORILLA GIRL.

YOU CADETS REALLY NEED TO GET BACK TO YOUR BARRACKS.

BUT, DIAMONDBACK, THERE'S NO POWER, THERE'S NO--

WE *KNOW*.

SOMETHING'S GOING *ON!* IF SOMETHING'S GOING ON YOU SHOULD *TELL* US, WE'RE--

OKAY!

LISTEN VERY CAREFULLY...POWER'S OUT, STARKTECH IS OUT, WE CAN'T GET S.H.I.E.L.D., TONY STARK, THE AVENGERS, OR ANYONE ELSE ON THE HORN.

SERIOUSLY?

WE DON'T KNOW *WHAT'S* HAPPENING, CRUSADER.

SO THIS *ISN'T* A DRILL? THIS IS THE *REAL* DEAL?!

PROTON, ALL OF YOU, LISTEN VERY CARE-- WHOA!

YELLOWJACKET?!

GUYS!

WHAT'S GOING ON?

THE CITY'S *UNDER ATTACK!* THE AVENGERS ARE--ARE MISSING!

WHO'S ATTACKING?

S.H.I.E.L.D. IS DOWN! EVERYTHING IS--!

WHO'S ATTACKING?!

ALIENS!

I DON'T KNOW WHO *EXACTLY*. I JUST--I JUST SAW THE SHIP OVER NEW YORK.

I-I-I-I CAN'T FIND *ANYONE!*

GET THE CADETS SUITED UP. IT'S TIME.

WE'RE GOING IN?

GUYS...THIS IS IT. THIS IS WHAT YOU'VE TRAINED FOR.

IT'S TIME.

TIMES SQUARE.
THE YOUNG AVENGERS

GUYS, THIS IS A LITTLE BIT OVER OUR HEADS, DON'T YOU THINK?

WHAT ARE WE SUPPOSED TO DO, KATE? LEAVE?

(AND SO CAN YOU!)

I'M UNABLE TO PATCH INTO ANY EMERGENCY SERVERS.

I CAN'T PATCH INTO CAMP HAMMOND'S COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS.

THEY'RE SKRULLS!

AND I'M HALF A'ONE. MAYBE I CAN TALK TO THEM.

FSHBAM!

THERE ARE, LIKE, *EIGHTY THOUSAND SUPER HEROES IN NEW YORK*. WHERE *IS* EVERYBODY WHEN YOU NEED--*AAGGHH!*

C7

I FEAR STARKTECH HAS BEEN COMPROMISED.

THIS MAY BE MORE THAN JUST AN ATTACK. THIS MAY BE A FULL-SCALE INVASION.

STARK

Lucky

USCORP

JAPANES

UM, BROTHERS OF THE EMPIRE!

MY NAME IS *HULKLING*. I AM HALF SKRULL! I AM THE SON OF PRINCESS ANELLE! YOU HAVE TO STOP THIS OR--

AAARRGGH!

I'M ONE OF-- *YAAAGGH!*

TEDDY!

OH BOY...

FIBOOM

FRAKOOM

SKL · 500

BEEP BEEP BEEP

WICCAN!

OH MY GOD! IS HE--?

FAGRUUNCH

GUYS, IT'S GONNA BE OKAY.

"THE *INITIATIVE* IS HERE."

TEAMS OF THREE! AND END IT FAST!

HOLD THE LINE TILL THE CAVALRY COMES!

NOTHING FANCY!

KRAKOOM

SMAAASSHH

OKAY, WHO'S NEXT?

UH, IN THE STUDIO, ARE WE RUNNING LIVE?

WE ARE NOW!

THE SAVAGE LAND.

IT'S ME. ECHO.

I'M NOT A SKRULL, JESSICA.

I KNOW.

ZAMTTECK

GUK!

WHITTACK

CRACK

ARMOR?

STARKTECH ARMOR: COMPLETE SYSTEM FAILURE. VIRUS DETECTED. ALL SYSTEMS FAILING.

WELL THAT'S-- COFF--MONEY WELL SPENT.

NEED TO DISCONNECT MY BIOWARE. THE TECH VIRUS IS HITTING ME LIKE PNEUMONIA.

I HAVE AT LEAST A HUNDRED AND TWO FEVER...

HOW ARE YOU FEELING, TONY?

NOT TO BE IMPOLITE...

...BUT I'D AS SOON NOT TALK TO YOU OR ANYONE TILL WE FIGURE THIS ALL OUT.

YOU CAN RELAX NOW.

YOU DID IT.

YOUR WORK ON EARTH IS DONE.

MY WORK?

ON EARTH?

YOU WILL GO DOWN IN OUR PEOPLE'S HISTORY AS THE GREATEST SOLDIER THE ARMADA HAS EVER HAD.

STOP--

AND YOU WILL ALWAYS AND FOREVER HAVE MY UNDYING LOVE.

THE LOVE OF YOUR QUEEN.

I'M NOT A SKRULL!

I KNOW THAT'S WHAT YOU THINK.

STOP!

THAT'S WHAT YOU WERE TRAINED TO THINK!

STOP!

YOU SAVED OUR PEOPLE.

YOU SERVED SELFLESSLY.

AS I SAID TO YOU THE DAY YOU VOLUNTEERED: I AM SO SORRY IT HAD TO BE THIS WAY.

NO.

I'M SORRY THE TRUTH HAD TO BE HIDDEN EVEN FROM YOU.

S-STOP IT.

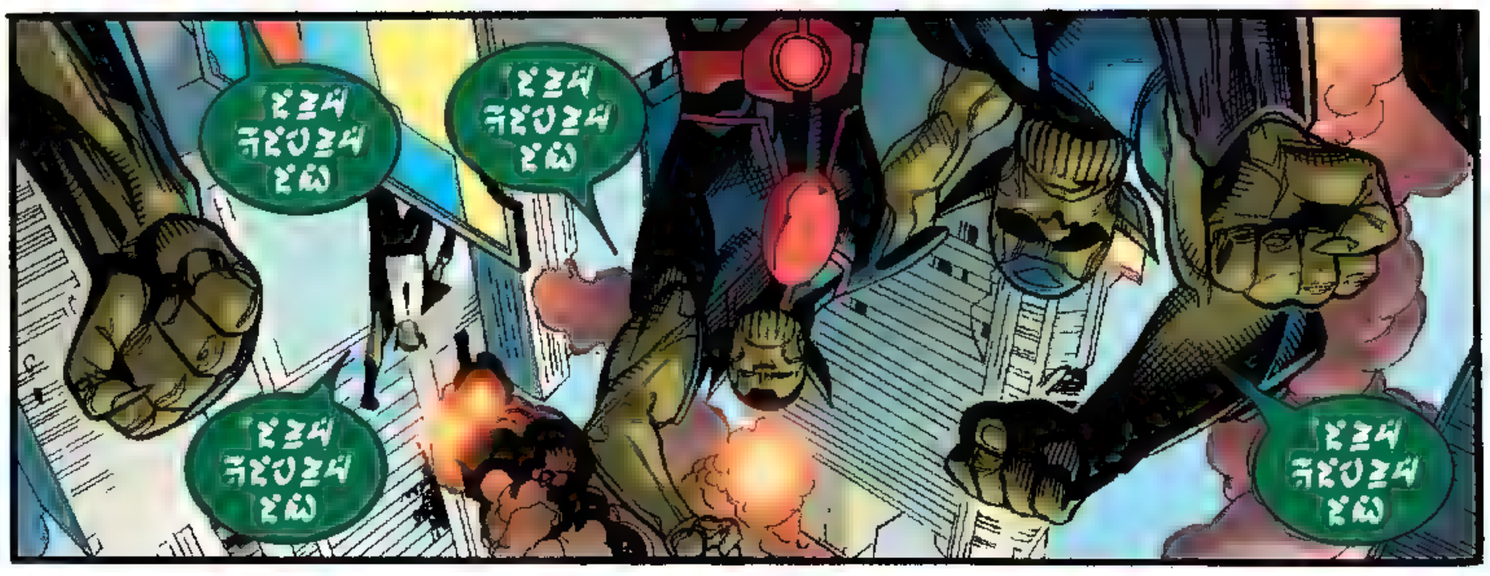
TURNING THE HEROES AGAINST EACH OTHER, POSITIONING YOURSELF AS THE MOST IMPORTANT PERSON IN THEIR WORLD...

N-NO...

BUT IF NOT FOR YOU, MY BRAVE, BRAVE WARRIOR, THIS DAY WOULD NEVER HAVE COME.

I DO PRAISE YOU AND LOVE YOU, KR'ALI...

THIS IS YOUR DAY WELL-EARNED.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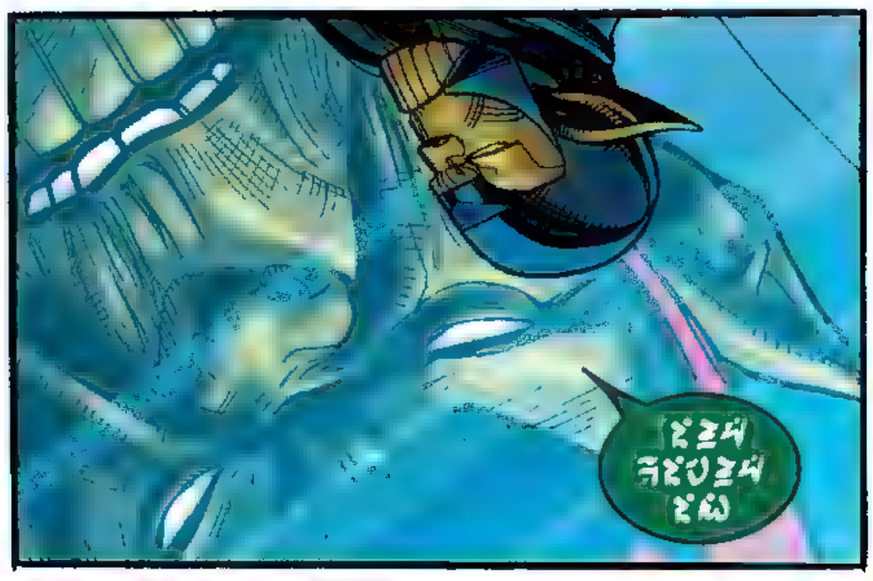
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STATURE!
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KINGDOM
COVE
TIMES SQUARE.

ELISSOT
RENT

HOLY @#$%!

THIS WILL NOT STAND.

THERE ARE OTHERS WHO WILL COME HERE TO STOP YOU.

OH MERDE MEZ

SAM KINISON

YOU WILL NOT WIN.

ZZRRKKKTTTZZZ

ZZRRAAZZZCCTT

ORRAAASSHH

NO, WAIT--
PLEASE--

MEKH
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STI
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OKAY, COMMANDOS!

LET'S TURN THIS THING AROUND!

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"IT'S AN INVASION.

"IT'S ALREADY HAPPENED.

"OPEN YOUR EYES.

"IT'S WAR.

"IT ALWAYS HAS BEEN.

"BUT ***NOW?*** NOW IT'S GOING TO GET UGLY BEFORE IT GETS...NOT.

"AND IF YOU THINK ***THIS*** IS BAD...

"WELL...

"THE EMPIRE HAS TAKEN THE PLANET EARTH FOR THEIR OWN.

"IT'S OURS. THAT'S HAPPENED.

"AND THE HUMAN RACE, WELL, NOW THEY ARE JUST THIS ***THING*** STANDING IN OUR WAY.

"SOMETHING WE HAVE TO DEAL WITH.

"WE'VE ***STUDIED*** THE HUMAN RACE. WE KNOW THEY UNDERSTAND THIS PERFECTLY.

"WE KNOW THEY'D HAVE DONE THE SAME.

"THEY ***HAVE*** DONE THE SAME.

"IF THERE'S SOMETHING *THEY* WANT, THEY *TAKE* IT.

"IF, IN THE NAME OF THEIR GOD OR MONEY OR BOTH, THEY BELIEVE SOMETHING TO BE THEIRS...

"...THEY JUST *TAKE* IT.

"THEY EXTERMINATE THE INDIGENOUS AND JUST *SETTLE IN.*

"AND WHEN IT'S ALL SAID AND DONE, THEY WRITE THE HISTORY BOOKS *THEMSELVES* AND THEY MAKE *SURE* THEY COME OUT THE HEROES.

"'ALL HAIL THE CONQUERING HEROES.'

"AS FAR AS I CAN TELL, THEY'VE DONE THIS FOR AS LONG AS MAN HAS BEEN ABLE TO.

"BUT TODAY--HOW THIS GOES TODAY--THIS WAS PREDETERMINED.

"PREORDAINED.

"THEY'LL FIGURE THAT OUT EVENTUALLY.

"IT'S NOT A BATTLE TO WIN OR LOSE.

"IT'S NOT A BATTLE.

"BUT FIRST--THEY'RE GOING TO FOLLOW THEIR BIOLOGICAL INSTINCTS AND...

"WHAT'S A PHRASE THEY WOULD TURN?

"FREAK OUT.

"AND *THAT* IS UNDERSTANDABLE.

"IT'S TOO BAD. BECAUSE IT DOESN'T *HAVE* TO BE THAT WAY.

"IT WOULD BE NICE IF THEY TRIED TO *FIGHT* THE URGE.

"TRY TO *SEE* THE BIG PICTURE.

"IT WOULD BE A LOT EASIER FOR ALL OF US IF THEY COULD.

"OH, WELL.

"BUT, AND THIS IS THE POINT, THIS ISN'T THEIR HOME.

"IT NEVER WAS.

"IF IT WAS, IT WOULDN'T BE SO EASY TO TAKE AWAY FROM THEM.

"IT WOULDN'T BE SO EASY TO DOMINATE THEM."

FA'HOOM!!

AGH!!

SCRAAAZZZ

TIME

STARK

YOU

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DOOM

"I'M NOT SAYING THEY WON'T PUT UP A FIGHT. FIGHT THEY WILL.

"THEY MAY EVEN HAVE A TRICK OR TWO UP THEIR SLEEVES.

FISPAC LATUNTA!

HEY, LOOK AT THAT, MY FIRST EVER ALIEN!

NICK FURY?

LET'S NOT DALLY, COMMANDOS!! DO WHAT WE CAME HERE TO DO!!

"GIVE THEMSELVES SOME FALSE HOPE.

HOOFAH!!

ALRIGHT! LET 'EM HAVE IT, STONEWALL.

Y'KNOW, DAISY, I'M NOT MARRIED TO THAT NAME YOU GAVE ME.

TOO BAD.

HEY!

WATCH THE 'DO!

SORRY, YO YO. I'M STILL A LITTLE GREEN AROUND THE EARS WITH THIS WHOLE WHATEVER THIS IS...

DRUID, GIVE ME SOME MAGIC!! I NEED A PATH.

FALANA MUSTANANINA!

THERE YOU GO.

GOTTA TELL YA, KID, I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT A LITTLE BOY GOD OF FEAR WAS GONNA DO HERE, BUT LOOK AT THAT?

GOT THEM BEATING THE HELL OUT OF EACH OTHER INSTEAD OF US!

I'M SAYIN' IT'S ALRIGHT.

AND I'M SAYING, I WISH I WOULD HAVE KNOWN I COULD DO THIS IN FIFTH GRADE.

OKAY, YA PUNKS, LET'S WRAP IT UP!!

I GOT THINGS TO DO!!

KRAKOOM

"BUT THEY WON'T WIN NO MATTER WHAT THEY DO.

"AND I'LL TELL YOU WHY.

NOT SURE YOU SKRULLS BROUGHT ENOUGH-- HA!

FOOM

"BECAUSE, AND THIS IS IMPORTANT, THEY WON'T KNOW WHO TO FIGHT.

SCRAM!

KRAKOOM

"IN A WAR, IN A FIGHT, YOU *HAVE* TO BE ABLE TO TRUST THE ONE NEXT TO YOU.

"THEY NEED TO TRUST EACH OTHER.

"AND NOW THEY CAN'T.

SKRASH

"UP IS DOWN, BLACK IS WHITE.

"FRIENDS ARE ENEMIES AND ENEMIES ARE FRIENDS.

FURY? COMMANDER?!

GOT EVERYONE?

PRETTY MUCH.

LET'S ROLL.

WHAT ABOUT MS. MARVEL?

I'LL TAKE CARE OF THIS ONE.

"AND WITH *THAT* COMES PAUSE.

"*THAT* MEANS THEY CAN'T TRUST EACH OTHER ANYMORE.

KARRAMMBOOM

"TOUGH DECISIONS WILL BE MADE BY PEOPLE WHO CAN MAKE THOSE KINDS OF DECISIONS.

AAGGHH!!

BOOM

BUT--

SKRULL'S A SKRULL.

QUAKE, COVER OUR EXIT.

"IMAGINE WANTING TO FIGHT FOR OR--OR JUST *HOLD* THE ONE YOU LOVE.

"AND YET NOT KNOWING IF IT'S REALLY THEM.

RRUUMMMMBBBLLLLEEE

"TIMES IT BY A THOUSAND. A MILLION.

"IMAGINE THE *MADNESS*.

"AND ALL THE MISTRUST, JEALOUSY, HATE, FEAR AND BETRAYAL...

"THE FUNNY OF IT IS-- HALF OF IT WE PLANTED, THE OTHER HALF *THEY* BROUGHT WITH THEM.

"THEY'D HALF-DEFEATED THEMSELVES BEFORE WE EVEN GOT STARTED.

"THEY *ALREADY* DIDN'T KNOW WHO TO TRUST.

"AND WE JUST SAT BACK AND WAITED TILL ALL THE PARANOIA HAD BUILT TO HYSTERIA.

"WE WAITED TILL THEY WERE ATTACKING AND KILLING EACH OTHER.

"AND WHEN THEY WERE DONE. *THAT'S* WHEN WE LET THEM KNOW...

"THE WAR HAD HAPPENED AND THEY ALREADY LOST.

"SO HERE WE ARE...

"THEY'LL HIT BACK AT US.

"THEY'LL LASH OUT.

"BUT WE'RE READY."

THEY'LL SCRAMBLE BACK TOGETHER.

THEY'LL COME TO YOU FOR LEADERSHIP.

SAVAGE LAND

ONLY TO DISCOVER THAT YOU ARE *NOT* TONY STARK.

YOU ARE *NOT* IRON MAN.

YOU ARE ONE OF US.

THE REAL TONY STARK IS LONG GONE.

I KNOW TODAY IS A HARD DAY FOR YOU AND I KNOW YOU DON'T REMEMBER VOLUNTEERING FOR ANY OF IT.

BUT THIS IS WHAT YOU WANTED.

FOR YOURSELF. FOR THE EMPIRE.

AND I PROMISED YOU I WOULD BE THERE TO HELP YOU THROUGH IT.

AND HERE I AM. WE WILL REHABILITATE YOU.

WE WILL FIND YOU A WAY BACK TO YOUR TRUE FORM AND FIND A WAY TO BRING YOU BACK TO THE THRONEWORLD.

TONY STARK.

YOUR REAL NAME IS KL'RIKI DULU.

AND WHEN ALL IS SAID AND DONE...

YOU ARE THE GREATEST WARRIOR IN THE EMPIRE.

AUSTRIA

RUSSLE

A SELFLESS HERO TO OUR PEOPLE.

OH MY STARS AND--

HEY, IS THAT--?

BUDDABUDDABUDDABUDDABUDDABUDDABUDDABUDDABU

BUDDABUDDABUDDABUDDA

BUDDABUDDABUDDABUDDABUDDA

CAN WE HAVE A CONVERSATION BEFORE WE START WITH THE FIGHTING AND--?

NATASHA?

WHAT IS IT WITH THIS PLACE?

BUDDA BUDDA BUDDA BUDDA BUDDA BUDDA BUDDA BUDDA BUDDA BUDDA

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FUMP

BUDDA BUDDA BUDDA BUDDA BUDDA BUDDA BUDDA BUDDA BUDDA BUDDA

YOU DIDN'T HAPPEN TO SEE WHERE SHE WENT, DID YOU?

NNN...

OH, JESSICA!

TONY, IT'S NATASHA ROMANOVA. THE BLACK WIDOW. CAN YOU HEAR ME?

NNDD...I CAN'T--

SSSKRULL...

YEAH, SHE DID A NUMBER ON YOU, HUH?

TONY...

I'M GOING TO HIT YOU WITH A SHOT OF ADRENALINE.

IT'LL HURT BUT IT'LL GET YOU ON YOUR FEET FOR ABOUT AN HOUR.

HOPEFULLY.

AAGGHH!!

OKAY, TONY, WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU?
MMMIGHT BE A SKRULL.
YOU'RE NOT A SKRULL. SHE WAS WORKING YOU OVER.
NO.
TONY, *FOCUS.*
HOW DO YOU KNOW *YOU'RE* NOT?

THEY POISONED YOU, TONY.
NO, NO...
THEY COULD HAVE KILLED ME. THEY DIDN'T--
THEY'RE WORKING YOU BECAUSE THERE'S FIVE PEOPLE ON THE PLANET THAT CAN STOP THIS AND YOU'RE ONE OF THEM.
AND IT'S NOT ENOUGH TO TAKE YOU OUT, THEY WANT YOU DEFEATED.

THEY COULD HAVE KILLED ME. SHE HAD ME.
THEY COULD HAVE KILLED YOU WITH A POISON *MATZOH* BALL BEFORE YOU WENT TO *BED.*
THEY'RE KILLING THEMSELVES JUST TO *GET* TO YOU.
KILLING YOU ISN'T THE *POINT.*
THEY WANT TO DO TO YOU WHAT YOU DID TO THEM.

TONY...
IRON MAN...

SKRULL OR NOT.
I'M ASKING, RIGHT NOW, DO YOU WANT TO KILL ME OR KILL THEM?

THEM.

LET'S GO WITH THAT FEELING THEN.
AND WORRY ABOUT THE REST LATER.
MAKE SOME MORE NOISE WHY DON'TCHA?

BUDDA
BUDDA
BUDDA
BUDDA
BUDDA
BUDDA
BUDDA
BUDDA

SON OF A--

DAMN IT, TASHA.

GIVE ME THE WORD.

AGH!!

GIVE IT TO ME!!!

CARROT STICKS.

AGH!

WHOSE WORD IS THAT?

SORRY ABOUT THAT, LOGAN.

I'M SHOOTING FIRST, ASKING QUESTIONS LATER UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

NOW HEAL UP AND GO RECON FOR JESSICA DREW. IF YOU SEE HER, SLICE HER.

WHERE'D CAROL GO, TONY? SHE TOOK YOU OUT OF THE FIGHT?

I SENT CAROL TO NEW YORK.

I NEED TO KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENING IN NEW YORK.

WE GOTTA GET YOU OUTTA HERE.

EVERY SKRULL IN THIS PLACE KNOWS YOU'RE HERE NOW.

HE'S RIGHT. REBUILD THE ARMOR. REBOOT. LET'S GO.

WE NEED REED RICHARDS.

"OKAY, WHERE IS HE?"

NGA!
NGUH!
-SPANG

S.H.I.E.L.D. HELICARRIER, BERMUDA TRIANGLE

SHOULD I ASK HOW LONG YOU'VE *BEEN* A SKRULL AGENT, JARVIS?

MS. HILL, WE ARRANGED YOUR POSITION IN S.H.I.E.L.D. FOR A REASON.

IT IS TIME FOR THE HUMANS' SURRENDER.

PLEASE DO SO PUBLICLY.

AND IN RETURN, WE WILL SPARE YOUR LIFE AND FIND A PLACE FOR YOU IN THE TRANSITION.

UH-HUH.

YOU DO KNOW YOU'RE ABOARD *MY* SHIP.

HMMM.

I DON'T THINK YOU'RE SEEING THE *GRAVITY* OF YOUR SITUATION.

WE ARE PREPARED TO ACCEPT YOUR SURRENDER.

BROOKLYN.

LIVE

WHADDA WE DO, HOOD?

GET EVERYONE. EVERYONE WE CAN GET.

WE'RE GOIN' IN?

ITS NOT *OUR* FIGHT! LET THE HEROES AND THE ALIENS ALL KILL *EACH OTHER.*

NO MORE EARTH IS BAD FOR BUSINESS, YES?

WELL, UH, YEAH.

GET EVERYONE.

CENTRAL PARK WEST.

OH MY GOD!!

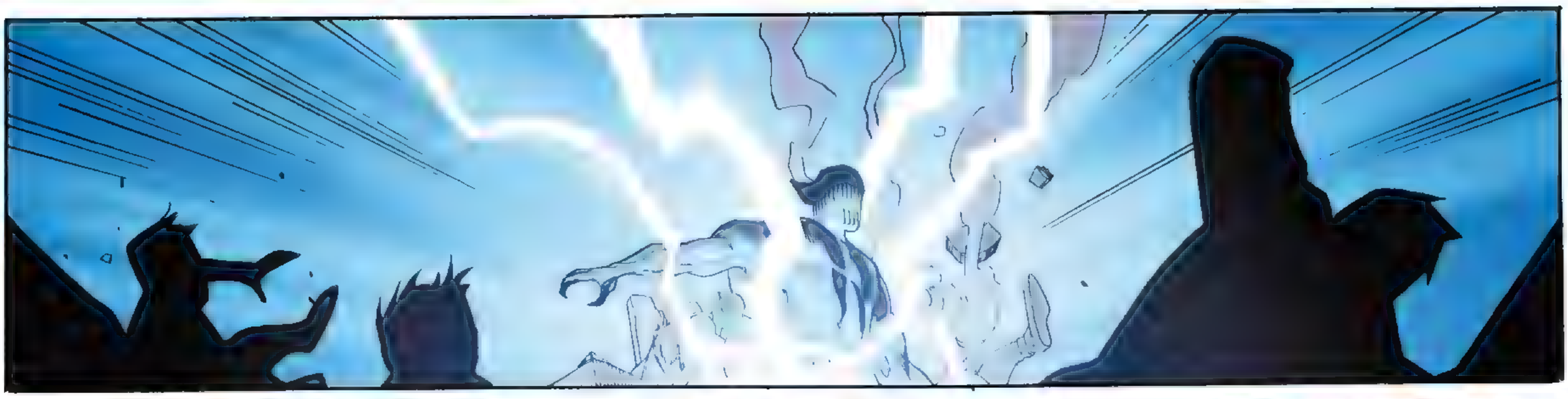
WHAT ABOUT THE SUBWAYS? CAN WE GO IN THE SUBWAYS?

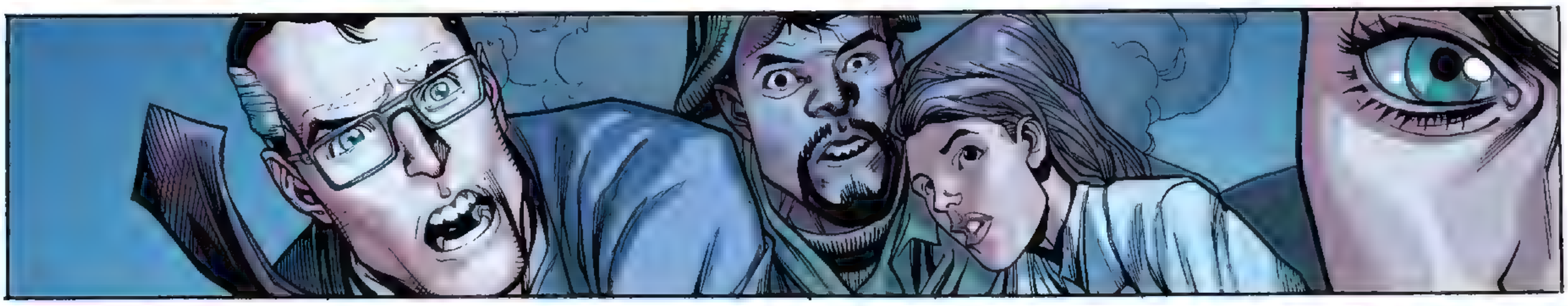
MY PHONE'S DEAD!

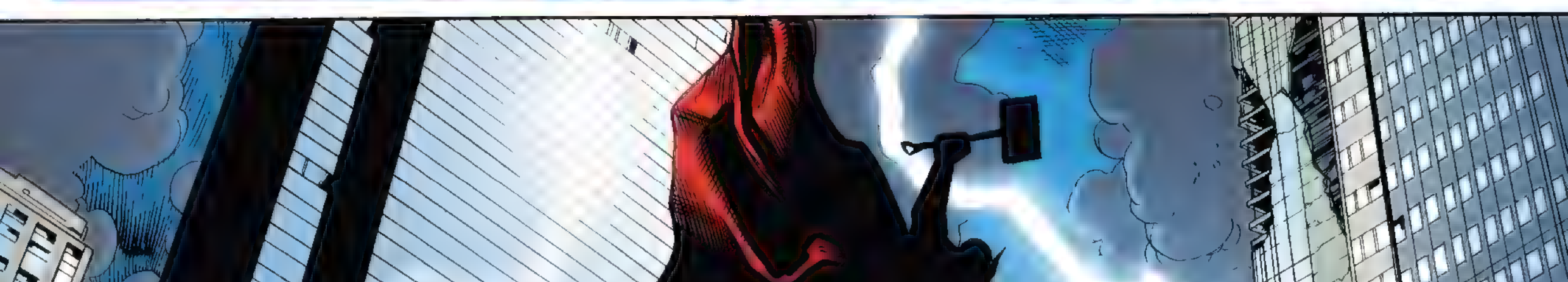
YEAH, UH, WE DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU WANT!

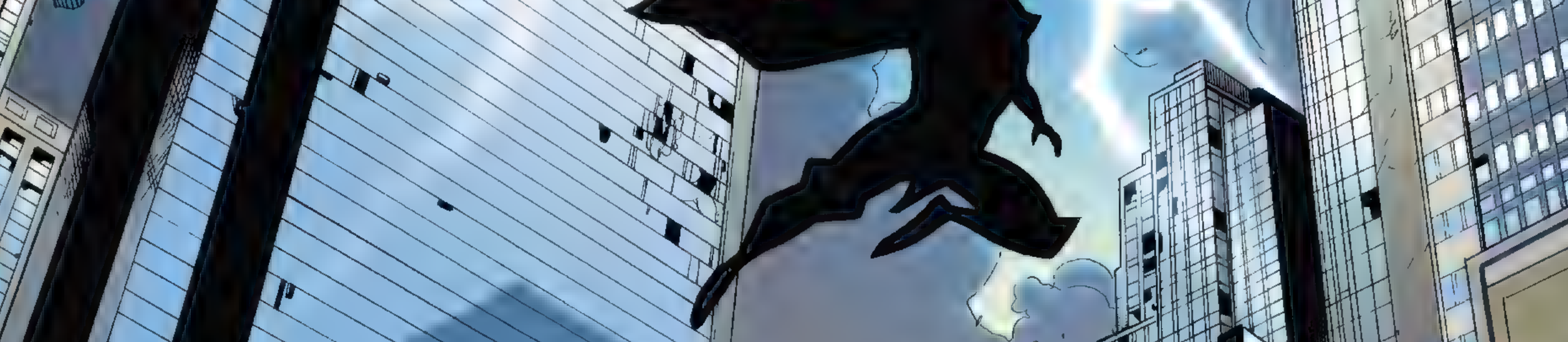
PLEASE, LORD, PLEASE MAKE IT STOP...

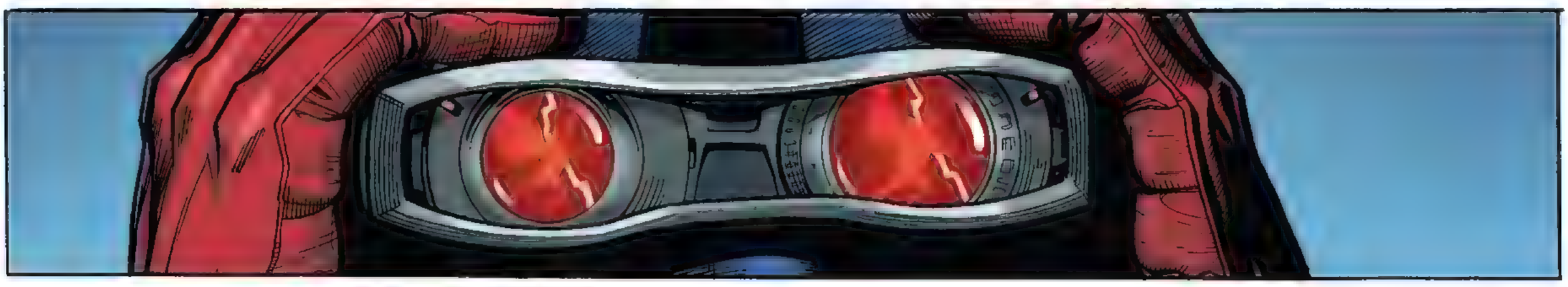
KRAKABOOM











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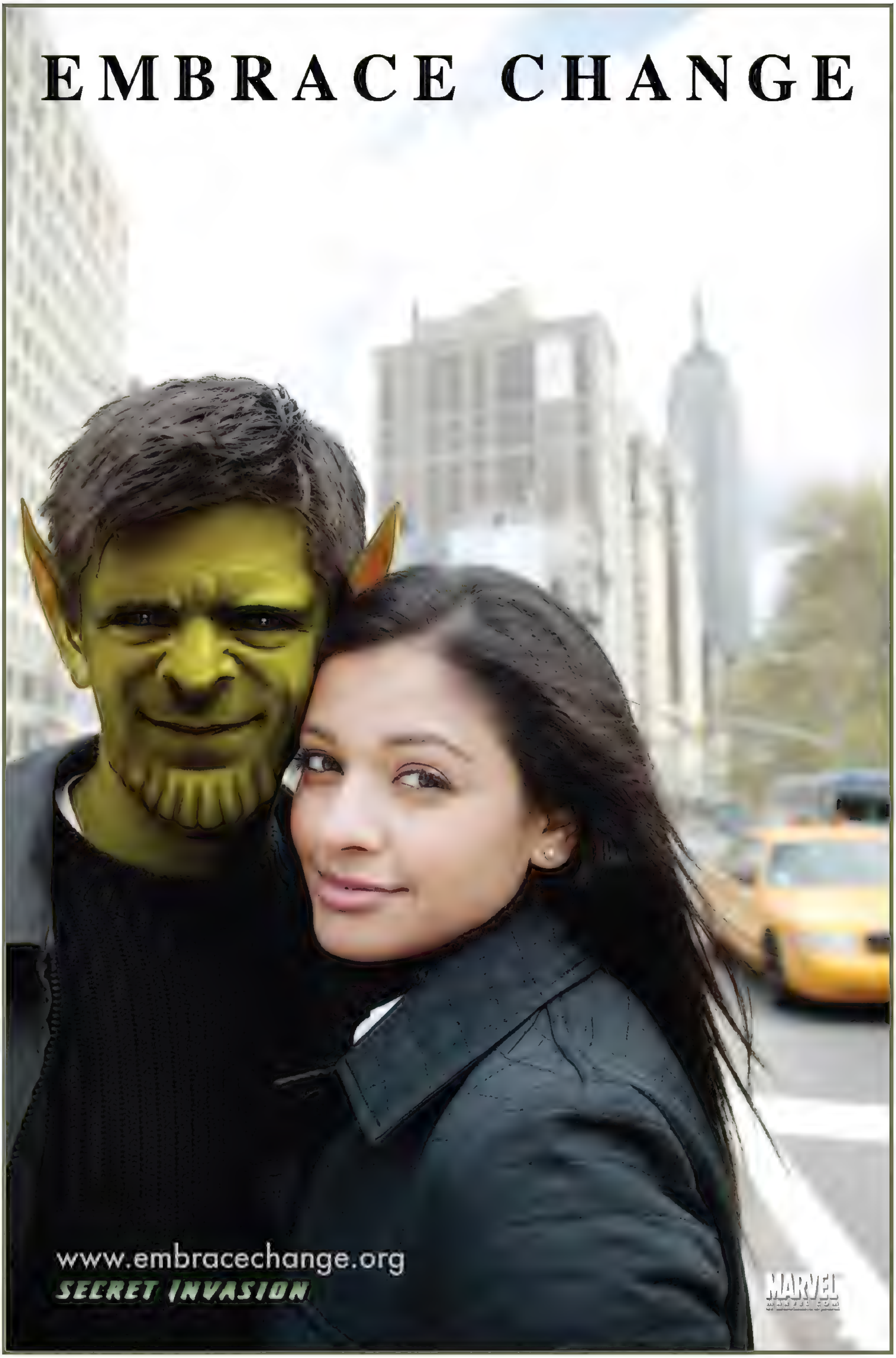

THUNDERBOLTS MOUNTAIN.

LET ME TELL YOU.

I KNOW SOMETHING ABOUT HAVING VOICES IN YOUR HEAD.

VOICES PULLING YOU IN DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS.

AND I ALSO KNOW SOMETHING--THIS MIGHT SOUND STRANGE, AND IT IS--

BUT I KNOW SOMETHING ABOUT NOT BEING SURE IF YOU'RE REALLY PINK...

...OR GREEN.

AND I CAN TELL YOU THIS...

CLICHÉ THAT IT IS...

ONLY ONE PERSON CAN DECIDE WHO YOU ARE INSIDE AND OUT.

AND THAT IS *YOU.*

NORMAN OSBORN, DIRECTOR

AND HERE YOU ARE--YOU'VE BEEN SENT HERE TO *KILL* US BUT I SEE THAT YOU *CAN'T.*

MAY I ASK...THIS FORM YOU'VE CHOSEN AS OUR DESTROYER...

WAS IT PICKED FOR YOU BY THE SKRULL EMPIRE OR DID YOU PICK IT YOURSELF?

IT WAS--IT WAS PICKED FOR ME.

WERE YOU A SLEEPER AGENT?

BY THAT I MEAN... DID YOU KNOW WHO YOU WERE *ALL ALONG?* DID YOU KNOW *WHY* YOU WERE HERE?

NO.

YOU THOUGHT YOU *WERE* THE KREE WARRIOR MAR-VELL.

YES.

THE MAN OF HONOR. THE WARRIOR. EARTH'S PROTECTOR.

YOU THOUGHT YOU WERE HERE TO PROTECT US IN OUR TIME OF NEED.

I AM SO SORRY.

FALLOUT

DIRECTOR OSBORN? WHAT IS THIS? WHAT HAPPENED?

WE'RE UNDER ATTACK.

GET THE THUNDERBOLT ALPHA TEAM UP AND ON THEIR FEET. GET TRANSPORT UP AND READY IN FIVE.

MAC GARGAN IS SOMEWHERE OFF CAMPUS. GET HIM.

IF ANYONE DOES ANYTHING OUT OF CHARACTER, SHOOT THEM ON SIGHT.

NOT EVERYONE IS WHO THEY SAY THEY ARE TODAY.

GIVE ME THAT.

WHAT'S HAPPENED?!

WE'RE AT WAR.

ELSEWHERE...

GUYS, I THINK SHE'S--

CASSIE?

THERE SHE IS.

WELCOME BACK TO THE LAND OF THE BARELY LIVING, CASSIE LANG.

PATRIOT, HAWKEYE, VISION...

OH, MAN... WHAT--WHAT HAPPENED?

GOT OUR LIVES SAVED.

YOU ALMOST GOT WHACKED... AND ON TV.

SERIOUSLY.

UH, WHO ARE YOU? WHERE ARE WE?

PHOBOS. GOD OF FEAR. NEW GUY. HEY.

LOOK WHO SAVED US...

OH MY GOD, IS THAT...

NICK FURY HIMSELF.

ALL THINGS CONSIDERED... THIS COULD END UP BEING FUN.

NOT EVEN CNN?

NOTHING. EVERYTHING IS DOWN.

THIS IS IT, SIR. WHAT YOU SEE.

THEY CUT *ALL* GLOBAL TRANSMISSIONS?! EVEN *I* COULDN'T DO THAT.

WELL, SIR, I'M NOT EXACTLY PHILO FARNSWORTH BUT--

UH, YOU GUYS TRY ON-LINE TOO?

YES, JERRY, THANKS, WE TRIED ONLINE.

JUST TRYING TO HELP.

UH... EXCUSE ME, MISTER FURY.

DUDE'S A COLONEL.

HE'S A GENERAL.

UH, WHO *ARE* ALL YOU PEOPLE? WHERE ARE WE?

NOPE.

HONESTLY, COLONEL, I THINK WE'D BETTER CUT POWER. THEY MIGHT BE TRACKING SIGNALS.

I THINK THEY'RE ABOUT TO TELL US HOW IT IS.

I'M SORRY, HOW ARE--

SHUT YOUR YAPS!!

IT'S HAPPENING.

WE'RE NOT HERE TO HURT YOU. WE'RE HERE TO SAVE YOU.

WE HAVE TRAVELLED ACROSS THE UNIVERSE TO SAVE YOU FROM YOURSELVES.

YOU HAVE SO MUCH POTENTIAL, BUT YOU'RE ON THE BRINK OF COMPLETE DISASTER.

YOU ARE AT CONSTANT WAR AND LIVING IN DISEASE YOU CANNOT CURE.

SOME OF YOU GLEEFULLY WALLOW IN EXCESS WHILE YOUR BROTHER NEXT TO YOU STARVES.

AND IN DOING SO YOU ARE DESTROYING YOUR ECOSYSTEM BEYOND REPAIR.

WHAT MOST DISTURBS US IS THAT YOU ARE FULLY AWARE OF YOUR SITUATION AND ACTIONS... AND THOUGH YOU'VE EVOLVED TO A PLACE TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT, YOU DO NOTHING.

WE WISH NO HARM OR BLOODSHED...BUT WE WILL DO WHAT MUST BE DONE TO SAVE YOU.

ABDCO

COLBERT '08 (AND SO CAN YOU!)

Fmcc SHIRTS

YOU WILL CONFORM. YOU WILL ASSIMILATE TO OUR WAYS. BECAUSE THEY WORK. AND BECAUSE YOU HAVE NO CHOICE.

AND YOU WILL DO THIS BECAUSE IT IS THE ONLY THING THAT WILL SAVE YOU AND YOUR PLANET.

THE EMPIRE HAS EVERYTHING YOU COULD EVER DREAM OF AND THINGS YOU HAVEN'T EVEN BEEN ABLE TO IMAGINE.

ALL OF THIS WE OFFER TO YOU.

THE EARTH IS NOW PART OF THE SKRULL EMPIRE.

YOUR DAYS OF POVERTY, HARDSHIP, DISEASE AND GREED ARE OVER.

HE LOVES YOU SO MUCH.

LOW EARTH ORBIT.

EMBRACE CHANGE.

WHAT IS THIS SHAPE YOU'VE TAKEN? WHO ARE YOU?

IDENTIFY YOURSELF.

IDENTIFY YOURSELF.

EXCUSE ME?

I DON'T ANSWER TO YOU. I'M PART OF THE QUEEN'S DELEGATION.

WHICH DELEGATION?

WE'RE AT WAR, SOLDIER! YOU DON'T AIM YOUR WEAPON AT A SUPERIOR OFFICER. GIVE ME THAT!!

MY--MY APOLOGIES. WHICH DELEGATION ARE YOU?

PSHAMPSHAMPSHAM

SPASH

PSHAM
PSHAM
PSHAM

PSHAMPSHAMPSHAM

PSHAMPSHAMPSHAMPSHAMPSHAMPSHAM

AARRGGH!!

PSHAMPSHAMPSHAMPSHAM

PSHAMPSHAMPSHAM

WOOF.

THE *KREE* LANGUAGES I COULD WRITE A BOOK IN...

SKRULL I PROBABLY SOUND LIKE A DRUNK INFANT.

ALL HANDS, ABANDON SHIP! THERE IS A FLUCTUATION LEAK IN THE MAIN CABINS! ALL HANDS, ABANDON SHIP!

BEEP

EH, @#$%% IT.

FFFFFFFF--!

AGH!!

AHOOM!

@#$%!

OH, MAN...

GLEE GAK

DOCTOR RICHARDS! MY NAME IS AGENT ABIGAIL BRAND!

I'M DIRECTOR OF S.W.O.R.D. WE'RE AT WAR WITH THE SKRULL EMPIRE AND I NEED YOU TO--

GAKK!!

MY CHILDREN, SKRULL!

MY WIFE! GIVE THEM TO ME OR I'LL KILL YOU RIGHT HERE!

I'LL KILL EVERY LAST ONE OF YOU!

NOT...A--

YOU DIDN'T SHAPE-SHIFT BACK.

HMM.

YOU MONSTERS SHOULD HAVE KILLED ME WHEN YOU HAD THE CHANCE.

BUT YOU NEEDED MY BRAIN.

ALL YOUR TALK...AND YOU COULDN'T DO THIS ON YOUR OWN.

STARK TECH IS COMPROMISED. THE BAXTER BUILDING IS...

I KNOW WHAT WE NEED.

S.H.I.E.L.D. HELICARRIER, BERMUDA TRIANGLE.

WELL, JARVIS THE SKRULL, I WANT TO TELL YOU WHAT I'M GOING TO DO.

MS. HILL, YOUR HEROES HAVE FALLEN, YOUR SYSTEMS HAVE SHUT DOWN.

AS WE SPEAK, THE WORD OF OUR INVASION AND INTENTIONS HAS BEEN BROADCAST TO EVERYONE AND EVERYTHING.

YOU ARE STANDING ON A SKRULL WORLD.

YOU ARE PART OF THE EMPIRE.

S.H.I.E.L.D. IS NOW A TOOL OF THE EMPIRE.

WAS I INTERRUPTING YOU?

I WAS TELLING YOU THAT WHEN THIS IS ALL OVER I'M GOING TO MAKE MYSELF A T-SHIRT.

I'VE NEVER DONE THAT BEFORE, BUT I DEFINITELY WILL NOW.

AND DO YOU KNOW WHAT THAT T-SHIRT WILL SAY?

MS. HILL, I UNDERSTAND THE "*SMART MOUTH*" WHEN I HEAR IT.

I'VE BEEN LIVING AMONG YOU FOR MANY MONTHS.

NO, I UNDERSTAND THAT, I'M TRYING TO TELL YOU SOMETHING.

A MAN--A MAN I RESPECT CAME TO ME A FEW MONTHS AGO AND HE TOLD ME, HE SAID S.H.I.E.L.D. MAKES THIS VERY COOL... ROBOT (FOR LACK OF A BETTER TERM)... A LIFE MODEL DECOY.

YOU KNOW, FOR USE IN ESPIONAGE OR COVERT OPERATIONS.

HE TOLD ME TO START USING THEM. THAT DOING SO WASN'T CHEATING OR A COP-OUT.

IT WAS JUST A SMART TACTICAL MANEUVER.

SO I'M SAYING TO YOU, WHEN I'M DONE HERE I'M GOING TO MAKE A T-SHIRT THAT SAYS--

EXECUTE HER.

BUDDABUDDABUDDA
BUDDABUDDABUDDA

IT'LL SAY: NICK FURY WAS RIGHT.

PUT

YUP.

MARIA HILL.

SOCRATES. BOLOGNA SANDWICH. SOUPY SALES. CAMERON CROWE.

HELICARRIER SELF-DESTRUCT SEQUENCE ENGAGED.

BUDDABUDDABUDDABUDDABUDDABUDDABUDDA

WHR
uuuu

AAGGH!!

WH--WHAT?

I DID A GENETICS TEST, MS. BRAND. I BELIEVE YOU'RE NOT A SKRULL. SORRY I CHOKED YOU OUT.

WHY IS THE SHIP VIBRATING?

ITS NOT VIBRATING.

WE'RE UNDER ATTACK.

HUNDREDS OF FLOATING SKRULL BODIES DOES SEND A MESSAGE.

I KNOW! I WAS MAD.

I NEED YOU TO FLY THIS SHIP AND FIND ITS CLOAKING DEVICE.

WHAT ARE *YOU* DOING?

THEY USED MY BRAIN TO *START* THIS WAR. I'M GOING TO USE MY BRAIN TO *END* IT.

WHAT DOES THAT MEAN? "*THEY USED YOUR BRAIN?*"

GOD--!

LISTEN TO ME!!

GET TO THE FLIGHT DECK AND GET US OUT OF HERE. CAN YOU DO THAT?

THE SHIELDS AREN'T GOING TO HOLD FOR--

FABOOM

WHAT WAS THAT? ARE WE HIT?

THAT-- THAT WASN'T US?

IT'S CAPTAIN MARVEL

OKAY!

FINALLY, SOME *GOOD* NEWS.

GET US TO NEW YORK, MS. BRAND. GO!

NOT NEW YORK!

MY FAMILY IS DYING!!

THE *EARTH* IS DYING, DOCTOR!

WE *ARE* GOING TO NEW YORK...

BUT WE HAVE A COUPLE PEOPLE TO PICK UP FIRST...

OR SHOW'S OVER.

THE SAVAGE LAND.

HUAAGGH!

TONY, GET UP, WE GOT COMPANY!

UGH!

SO, ANYONE *HERE* A SKRULL?

GREAT, NOW THEY GOT A KA-ZAR MAYBE.

THAT'S WHAT I SAID. I'M ALMOST CONVINCED IT'S HIM.

SAYS THE SPIDER-MAN IN THE FULL BODY STOCKING. OUT!

OUT?

WHAT'S WRONG WITH STARK?

OUTSIDE, NOW!

WHO DID ALL *THIS?*

LISTEN TO THE WIDOW OR *I'LL* STICK YA!!

BACK ON OUT. ALLA YOU.

I COULD POINT IT RIGHT UP YOUR--

POINT IT SOMEWHERE ELSE, RED.

RRAARRG!!

EASY!

OKAY, GREAT! MORE TENSION!

WE HEARD GUNSHOTS AND THOUGHT, HEY, LET'S WALK TOWARDS THEM.

YEAH *I* DID THE SAME THING.

AND I USED TO BE SMART, I SWEAR TO GOD...

SO I GUESS *ALL* THE "*BIG TIME SUPER HEROES*" THAT CRASH-LANDED IN THAT SHIP WERE SKRULLS AFTER ALL.

NOT EXACTLY, LUKE.

BARTON, MAN, I'M TELLING YOU.

BACK OFF, CAGE. THIS IS MY ***WIFE***.

HOW ABOUT E-EVERYONE JUST--?

I KNOW ***EXACTLY*** WHICH OF YOU ***ARE*** SKRULLS AND WHICH ***ARE*** NOT!

I'M EMMA FROST. THE WHITE QUEEN OF THE HELLFIRE CLUB.

I CAN READ YOUR MINDS. I CAN SEE INTO YOUR *SOULS*.

I'VE BEEN STUCK IN THAT SHIP FOR GOD KNOWS HOW LONG AND I WILL MAKE EVERY ONE OF YOU SKRULL CREATURES *PAY* FOR WHAT YOU'VE DONE.

I'M TALKING TO *YOU*, "MISTER SPIDER-MAN."

I KNOW *EXACTLY* WHO AND WHAT YOU ARE.

WELL, OKAY, *THAT* IS A BIG OL' LIE. SO NOW I KNOW *YOU'RE* A SKRULL!!

NOW THEY GOT US KILLIN' EACH OTHER AGAIN.

YES! TELL THEM!

(UNLESS *YOU'RE* A SKRULL. THEN HIT YOURSELF.)

HONEY, LET'S DITCH ALL THIS AND GET BACK TO THE MAINLAND.

YEAH, I THINK YOU'RE--

NO ONE LEAVES. MY NAME IS SUSAN STORM OF THE FANTASTIC FOUR.

AND I'LL HOLD YOU *ALL* IN A FORCE-FIELD UNTIL THIS GETS SORTED OUT TO MY SATISFACTION!

UM, WELL, LET ME JUST SAY ONE LAST TIME THAT I'M *NOT* A SKRULL!

AND, IF YOU PLEASE, GET THAT GUN OUT OF *THE BACK OF MY HEAD!*

THOR, IRON MAN, COME ON, GUYS...YOU TELL US WHAT TO DO.

YES, LEAD US. WHAT'S THE PLAN HERE?

I'LL TELL OF A PLAN!

BY THE POWER OF MY FATHER--

OH, MAN...

THY FOUL VILLAINY WILL COME TO AN END!

OH MY G--

LISTEN TO ME. THIS IS A TRICK OF THE--

BUDDD

JUST TELL ME WHAT'S GOING ON? THIS ISN'T--

AAARRGGH!!

BUDDABUDDABUDDAB

RRARRGGHH!!

AAAIIEE!!

REED, HONEY? THANK GOD YOU'RE HERE.

THIS--THIS IS SOME NEW TRICK OF THE--

WHERE ARE MY *CHILDREN?!*

Y-YOU HAVE CHILDREN??

TONY? YOU SEE? TOLD YOU...YOU'RE NOT A SKRULL.

I CCCAN'T--

LISTEN TO ME, YOU'RE JUST SICK.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN OF THE HUMAN RACE...NEW YORK CITY IS UNDER SIEGE AND THE EARTH IS UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE SKRULL EMPIRE.

ANYONE IN THE MOOD TO *DO* ANYTHING ABOUT THAT...HOP ON BOARD.

WE'RE LEAVING NOW.

TONY? TONY?

WHAT'S WRONG WITH HIM?

HE JUST WENT DOWN. THEY DID A REAL NUMBER ON HIM.

VVVIRUS.

THERE'S STILL SKRULLS OUT THERE IN THE JUNGLE.

WE'LL DEAL WITH IT. GO!

I WANT TO GO TO NEW YORK AND HELP THE FIGHT.

THEN GO. WE'LL TAKE CARE OF THIS.

SPIDER-WOMAN WAS ONE OF THEM? WHERE IS SHE?

OUR SPIDER-WOMAN?

IT'S TRUE.

SON OF A--

CLINT, LEAVE IT...

LISTEN TO ME...

ALL OF YOU...

THIS DOESN'T END TILL EVERY LAST ONE OF THEM DIES!

YOU HEAR ME?!

EVERY @#$%ING LAST ONE OF THEM!

NOH-VARR
MARVEL BOY

WILD BOYS

AliMall

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MAAGGH!

KOOOM

ARE-- ARE YOU? MAR-VELL?

ARE YOU HE?

WHAT'SRRR YOUR NAME, KREE SOLDIER?

NOH-VARR. WHAT'S--WHAT'S HAPPENED HERE?

THE SSSKRULL EMPIRE.

THEY HAVE TAKEN THE EARTH. YOU--YOU CAN'T LET *THIS HAPPEN.*

THIS--THIS IS NOT *MY* WORLD. THIS IS--

LISTEN TO ME!!

THEY WILL DO *ANYTHING.* THEY LIE TO THEIR OWN PEOPLE. THEY'LL KILL ANYONE OR ANY*AGH!*

THEY HAVE NO HONOR. THEY DON'T UNDERSTAND THE TRUE HONOR OF THESE PEOPLE. OR THE KREE.

I'VE LEARNED SO MMMUCH BEING MAR-VELL. I HAVE LEARNED *SO MUCH...*

YOU CANNOT LET *THIS HAPPEN!!*

YOU!!

YOU ARE HERE FOR A *REASON!* WE ARE *ALL* HERE FOR A--!

"GOOD MORNING EARTH."

"IT IS A NEW DAY."

AS YOU NOW KNOW, YOUR GLOBAL COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS ARE FULLY RESTORED.

WE APOLOGIZE FOR THE INCONVENIENCE.

THIS IS A TIME OF UNHERALDED TRANSITION FOR YOUR WORLD AS IT BECOMES PART OF THE SKRULL EMPIRE.

FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO ARE UNDERSTANDABLY CONFUSED AND PANICKED...LET ME EXPLAIN TO YOU VERY CLEARLY...

SAN FRANCISCO

"YOUR LIVES WILL GO ON AS THEY WERE.

"YOU GET TO KEEP YOUR HOMES, YOUR CULTURE, YOUR FAMILY, YOUR JOBS...

"WE ARE NOT *TAKING* THINGS AWAY FROM YOU, WE ARE ONLY *ADDING* THINGS.

"YOU'LL NOTICE THAT THE SKRULL EMPIRE HAS MADE NO OFFENSIVE MOVE TOWARDS YOUR ARMIES OR YOUR GOVERNMENTS.

ATTILAN, THE MOON

"WE HAVE ONLY *DEFENDED* OURSELVES WHEN NECESSARY AND WE REQUEST THAT ALL ARMED FORCES *IGNORE* WHATEVER ORDERS YOU HAVE RECEIVED FROM YOUR SUPERIOR OFFICERS AND *STAND DOWN*

"BELIEVE ME WHEN I SAY THERE IS NOTHING CREATED ON THIS PLANET THAT CAN HARM US OR OUR WEAPONRY.

"YOU ARE OVERPOWERED. PLEASE, SPARE YOUR LIVES.

"WE HAVE ONLY OUTRIGHT ATTACKED YOUR ORGANIZED GROUPS LIKE THE AVENGERS, THE FANTASTIC FOUR AND S.H.I.E.L.D. BECAUSE THEY HAVE DEFIANTLY STOOD IN THE WAY OF *YOUR* PROGRESS AS A SOCIETY.

"*THEY* ARE PART OF YOUR *PROBLEMS*.

"WE WISH ALL HOSTILITIES TO CEASE.

"WE ARE HERE TO *END* YOUR WARS, NOT TO START NEW ONES.

"THIS IS WHAT YOU WILL DO NOW...

"LOVE YOUR FAMILY AND LIVE YOUR LIFE AND WAIT FOR WHAT IS TO COME

"THE GLORY OF A NEW FUTURE.

"ONCE WE HAVE SETTLED IN, WE WILL BE REPLACING YOUR ENERGY SOURCES AND BORDERS.

"ALL AREAS OF MODERN CONFLICT WILL BE MOOT.

WAKANDA

"THOSE WHO WOULD RISE UP AGAINST US ARE IN FACT RISING UP AGAINST YOU AND YOUR FUTURE

"ACCEPT CHANGE

"EMBRACE CHANGE

"LET IT WASH OVER YOU

"LET IT MAKE YOU ALL THAT YOU HAVE EVER DREAMED YOU COULD BE

"DO NOT FIGHT A FIGHT YOU CAN'T WIN

"DO NOT FIGHT A FIGHT AGAINST YOURSELF

THE SAVAGE LAND

ISRAEL

"EMBRACE CHANGE

"HE LOVES YOU SO VERY MUCH"

CAMP HAMMOND, TRAINING CAMP FOR ALL NEWLY REGISTERED HEROES IN THE INITIATIVE. SKRULL EMPIRE EARTH INVASION HEAD COMMAND.

OKAY, SO, HOW DO WE THINK THIS IS GOING?

S.H.I.E.L.D. IS DOWN. S.W.O.R.D. IS GONE. THUNDERBOLTS MOUNTAIN IS IN RUINS.

THE BAXTER BUILDING IS IN THE NEGATIVE ZONE. AVENGERS TOWER IS LOCKED DOWN. STARKTECH IS COMPROMISED BEYOND REPAIR.

BUT...THE ARMADA WAS ATTACKED LAST NIGHT.

YES, I KNOW ABOUT THAT.

THE MAR-VELL SLEEPER SKRULL HAD SOME SORT OF BREAKDOWN. THE COMMUNICATIONS WERE... DISTURBING.

BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY, WE HAVEN'T HEARD FROM THE SAVAGE LAND DEFENSIVE. THE SILENCE WORRIES ME.

FABOOM

IF THE EMPRESS IS ALIVE...

SHE CHOSE HER ROLE IN THIS.

WE SHOULD WIPE THAT ENTIRE SAVAGE LAND REGION FROM THIS PLANET.

THAT'S NOT ON THE AGENDA.

IF ANY OF THOSE AVENGERS ARE STILL ALIVE, THEY WILL COME HERE.

YES.

AND WE WILL ACCEPT THEIR SUBMISSION.

THEY WILL NOT SUBMIT.

THEN WE WILL DO WHAT MUST BE DONE.

WE HAVE THE NUMBERS.

WE--

WE HAVE THE UPPER HAND.

BUT THE SAVAGE LAND--

DON'T LOSE YOUR NERVE NOW.

EVERY WORLD THE EMPIRE HAS LIBERATED HAS GONE JUST AS THIS.

THAT'S VERY TRUE.

EMPRESS.

THE WORD FROM THE SAVAGE LAND CAMPAIGN...?

THEY HAVE BEEN BEATEN BUT NOT DEFEATED.

REED RICHARDS HAS THEM GATHERED.

WE WOULD IMAGINE THEY ARE HEADED HERE.

RICHARDS *ESCAPED* HIS *INTERROGATION?*

IT'S ALWAYS RICHARDS.

WELL, THEN *THIS* IS THE LAST TIME.

THIS COULD BE A DISASTER.

DID YOU SEE THE BAXTER BUILDING?

IT IS A THING OF BEAUTY. YOU'VE DONE AMAZING WORK HERE, NOLL.

IS JANET VAN DYNE WITH THEM? THE WASP?

YES, SHE IS.

THEN WE WIN.

AS A LAST RESORT.

SO, ANYONE IN THE MOOD TO HIT A DENNY'S ON THE WAY HOME?

JOKES? REALLY?

COME ON. IT WAS *BARELY* A JOKE, LUKE.

HEY, ANYONE ELSE WORRIED ABOUT SKRULLS *FOLLOWING* US OR TRYING TO-- WHAT'S THE WORD I'M LOOKING FOR--

BLOW US OUT OF THE SKY?

EXACTLY.

THE SHIP'S CLOAKED, MR. BARTON.

BUT IT'S *THEIR* CLOAK.

A CLOAK IS A CLOAK. TONY, HOW ARE YOU DOING OVER THERE?

I'M A MESS.

MY SERVERS ARE DOWN. MY SYSTEMS HAVE FAILED. MY ARMOR IS USELESS.

I HAVE ACCESS TO A BACK-UP SYSTEM SERVER IN THIS PLATE, BUT I HAVE TO PURGE THE VIRUS TO GET TO IT.

AND THE VIRUS *WAS* MADE TO KILL ME, SO...

LEAST YOU'RE NOT A SKRULL.

AND JESSICA DREW IS.

THIS IS NOT YOUR FAULT.

I WANT TO KNOW *HOW LONG* SHE WAS PLAYING US.

AND WHERE'S THE *REAL* JESSICA DREW?

AND WHO ELSE DID THEY GET TO?

I BROUGHT HER IN. *THIS* JESSICA.

STILL NOT YOUR FAULT.

IT IS, JANET. ENTIRELY.

NOTHING YOU COULD HAVE DONE.

GUILT IS GOOD. LET HIM HAVE IT.

HE'S GETTING HIS SECOND WIND.

AND WHEN I GET MY HANDS ON WHATEVER SHE IS, I SWEAR TO GOD I AM GOING TO--

SEE? THERE HE GOES.

HEY, WE'LL BEAT 'EM.

AYE!

KLANG

WE WILL. THEY'RE WEASELS.

THEY CAME *ALL THE WAY* HERE, THREW *EVERYTHING* THEY HAD AT US...

AND LOOK, WE'RE *STILL* HERE.

EXACTLY.

I MEAN, SERIOUSLY, HOW MUCH DAMAGE COULD THEY DO...

...IN A...

THIS IS IT, MAN, THE REVOLUTION IS ACTUALLY HERE!
WHERE *ARE* THEY?
LOOK UP, MAN.
I KNOW, BUT WHERE ARE THEY SO WE CAN SAY HI?
elcome!
YOU'RE UNDER ARREST FOR--
HEY, YOU CAN'T!! I WAS JUST--
THE HELL ARE YOU KIDS DOING? GO BACK IN--
WE'RE GOING TO SAY WELCOME!
welcome!
TO WHO? TO THEM?
THEY'RE HERE FOR *US*.
ARE YOU OUT OF YOUR--WE'VE BEEN *INVADED*. THE FANTASTIC FOUR ARE *DEAD!*
WE'VE BEEN *SAVED!*
AND YOU'RE OUT OF A JOB, BECAUSE *UTOPIA* MEANS YOU CAN PUT THE FASCIST STICK A-WAY.
@#$! LOOK!
IT'S THEM.
THEY'RE BEAUTIFUL. AREN'T THEY BEAUTIFUL?
I KNOW. WE-- WE SHOULD GO TALK TO THEM.
HEY, GUYS!
YO!
WE'RE ALL ABOUT THE *CHANGE*, MAN.
"EMBRACE CHANGE." YES!! WE'RE *SO* WITH YOU.
WE JUST WANTED TO SAY...
...THANK YOU...
UH, DO YOU SPEAK ENGLISH?

GET--GET AWAY FROM THEM!

GET BACK HERE!

LORD!

WHOA!

BAM BAM BAM

AGH!

ARGH!

NICK FURY AND THE SECRET WARRIORS.
AND THE YOUNG AVENGERS
(AND WHAT'S LEFT OF THE INITIATIVE)

HOTEL

GO, GO, GO!!

HIT 'EM HARD, COMMANDOS.

AND STAY IN MY EYELINE. ALL Y'ALL.

ZHOP!

SSSWWHHAACCK

YOU GUYS, MOVE!

SCCHK

WHAT'S GOINGAGH--?

THE HOOD'S SYNDICATE OF CRIMINALS

@#$, YOU GUYS SEEIN' THIS?

IS--IS THAT NICK FURY?

THOUGHT HE WAS DEAD.

BOOM

WELL THEY'RE ALL SHAPE-SHIFTED, SO WHO'S TO SAY WHO'S WHO?

YEAH, BUT THE ONES BEATING ON SKRULLS, THOSE YOU CAN PRETTY MUCH GUESS AREN'T.

YEAH, I COULD SEE THAT, HOOD.

UNLESS THAT'S THE TRAP.

YEAH, YEAH, LET'S GO DOWN AND BEAT ON EVERYONE.

NOT YET, WRECKER.

NOT YET? WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR? YA GOT US TOGETHER TO TAKE THESE--

WE'LL KNOW WHEN IT'S TIME.

WE'LL KNOW WHAT?

WHEN IT'S--

OKAY, WHAT WAS THAT?

TOOK 'EM DOWN. WELL *ALRIGHT!*

GREAT, ONLY *EIGHT THOUSAND* MORE TO GO.

A WIN IS A WIN.

EXCEPT IT TAKES TEN OF US TO BEAT ONE OF THEM.

OKAY, SO, WE SHOULD GET OUT OF HERE.

CASSIE, YOU SHOULD SHRINK BACK DOWN, YOU'RE TOO BIG A TARGET AT YOUR LARGER SIZE.

YOU KIDS GET BACK TO THE DORM. OR BETTER YET, GET THE HELL OUTTA THE CITY.

OH, YEAH? WHY DON'T *YOU* LEAVE THE CITY? YOU FASCIST.

OH, MAN, ARE YOU, LIKE, NICK FURY?

THEY'RE HERE TO *CHANGE THE WORLD*. WHAT ARE *YOU* HERE FOR?

BOOM

UH...

IS THAT LIGHTNING?

LET'S MOVE.

STAY CLOSE AND STAY TOGETHER.

BOOM

WHAT WAS THAT?

BOOM

IS THAT...?

AYE!

IT'S HIM.

BOOM

THOR, GOD OF THUNDER

GATHER THE GROUND TROOPS.

ALL OF THEM.

THIS-- THIS, TOO, WAS WRITTEN.

WHO ARE YOU SUPPOSED TO BE?

WHO DO I LOOK LIKE?

YOU WEAR THE UNIFORM OF CAPTAIN AMERICA. A TRUE FRIEND OF MINE, THE GREATEST AVENGER...

BUT YOU ARE NOT HE.

WEREN'T YOU DEAD?

WHAT ARE YOU DOING, THOR?

ASSUMING YOU *ARE* THOR.

IT'S HIM.

SUMMONING THE BATTLE THAT MUST BE FOUGHT.

YEAH, UH, I--I THINK THEY GOT THE MESSAGE.

YOU--YOU KILLED MY FAMILY.

YOU'RE NOT HERE TO *SAVE* US.

IT'S ALL LIES. YOU'RE HERE TO *PUNISH* US.

WELL, YOU SHOULD HAVE THOUGHT ABOUT THAT BEFORE YOU FOUND IT FUNNY TO TURN OUR BROTHERS INTO COWS.

THUNDERBOLTS. TAKE POINT.

THAT IS A BIG PILE OF--

SKRULLS ARE THE TARGET. ANYTHING PAST THAT, AND YOU WON'T LIVE TILL TOMORROW.

BUT.. OSBORN, SPIDER-MAN IS RIGHT--

SKRULLS ARE THE TARGET.

LEAVE *NOW!*

LAST WARNING.

DON'T MEAN TO POOP ON THE PARADE, BUT WE STILL DON'T KNOW WHO WE CAN TRUST HERE.
YES, WE DO. I FIGURED THEM OUT.
ONLY MISTAKE THEY MADE IS THEY SHOULD HAVE KILLED *ME* DEAD.
THIS WEAPON WILL REVERT THEM TO THEIR NATURAL FORMS.
AS FAIR A FIGHT AS WE'LL GET.
OF COURSE YOU FIGURED US OUT...
YOU INVENTED EVERYTHING IT TOOK TO BRING YOU TO YOUR KNEES.
NOW WHAT DOES *THAT* MEAN?
WHO CARES?
EXACTLY.
YOUR HATE IS YOUR OWN. YOUR JUDGMENT IS YOUR OWN.
WE ARE HERE TO SAVE YOU. WE ARE HERE TO CHANGE YOU.
AND WE'RE HERE BECAUSE IN SPITE OF ALL THAT YOU'VE DONE TO OUR EMPIRE...
HE LOVES YOU.
UH...HE WHO?
GOD.
YEAH?
WELL *MY* GOD HAS A *HAMMER!*
RIGHT... AVENGEEERRSSS!

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BOOM

GET TO THE QUEEN. GET TO THE JESSICA DREW SKRULL. TAKE OUT THE LEADER!

I'M ON IT, BRAINS.

FOR SO MANY REASONS.

REED, KEEP THAT SKRULL DETECTOR OF YOURS ON FULL BLAST!

THIS BATTLE ENDS WITH VICTORY CLEAR AND TRUE!

AYE, BROTHER!

KRROOM

FRAAM

"AYE, BROTHER." SEE, THAT'S HOW YOU TALK IN ONE OF THESE. I COULD NEVER SELL THAT.

FOR THE EMPIRE!

THE WORDS HAVE BEEN SPOKEN! WE WILL PREVAIL!

BOOM

AVENGERS! THOR! ARES! SIMON! TAKE THE FRONT LINE!

HIT THE SPIDER-WOMAN!!

THAT TOO.

CAPTAIN AMERICA

VILE VILLAIN, YOU HAVE NO IDEA WHAT HELL YOU HAVE UNLEASHED!

THOR

IRON MAN

THE TARGET IS RICHARDS!

HE DIES FOR THE EMPIRE.

SKRULL QUEEN VERANKE AKA SPIDER-WOMAN

IF HE HAD BEEN TAKEN OUT *EARLIER*...THIS BATTLE WOULDN'T EVEN BE HAPPENING.

IF NOT FOR HIM WE WOULDN'T HAVE GOTTEN THIS FAR.

IT'S ALL MEANT TO BE. FIGHT OR DO NOT.

ARES, GOD OF WAR

KEEP THE BATTLE MOVING FORWARD! DON'T GIVE THE ADVANTAGE!

THEY COULD GET *MORE* ADVANTAGE?!

FURY.

NORMAN.

YOU SHOULD BE IN JAIL.

SO SHOULD YOU.

BUDDA BUDDA

THE WASP, FOUNDING AVENGER

CAITI NOLL
SKRULL WARRIOR
AKA DOCTOR
HANK PYM

YOU.

CHOK TOK!

HEE! ZZT!

AH, @#--

HI, HONEY.

I WAS GOING TO SAVE YOU FOR LAST, JANET, BUT IF YOU'RE GOING TO TURN IT INTO A THING...

NOW THEY'RE GIANTING UP...OKAY. GIVE ME A TARGET, I'LL TAKE IT.

WHAT POWER SET DON'T THEY HAVE? GARGAN, GET UP THERE!

UDDABUDDABUDDA

UDDABUDDABUDDA

THE PROBLEM WITH YOU, JAN, IS YOU ALWAYS...

PLEASE, WITH THE LECTURES.

STATURE, YOUNG AVENGER

KRAK

SHRAKABOOM

MAN!

GUYS, MY ARMOR ISN'T AT FULL STEAM. I'M HOLDING IT TOGETHER WITH RUBBER BANDS!

WELL, THEN YOU'RE DOING GOOD, ALL THINGS CONSIDERED.

GO FIX YOURSELF, THIS ISN'T THE PLACE FOR-- DAMN!

BULLSEYE, THUNDERBOLT, ASSASSIN.

BLAM BLAM BLAM

AAIGGHH!

AVENGERS

I'M SORRY.

I'LL BE BACK AS SOON AS I CAN. MY ARMOR'S SHOT, I'M USELESS.

DO WHAT THOU MUST!

DAMN!

DAMMIT!

HEADS UP!

SON OF A--

CRAZY!

HA!

GOOD TIMES!

THE MIGHT OF MJOLNIR WILL BRING THEE PAIN BEYOND DESCRIPTION, FOUL BEASTS!

I'M GOING IN, NATALIA!

GO! I GOT YOUR BACK!

REED RICHARDS, MR. FANTASTIC

HI, SWEETIE.

HI SWEETIE!
HI SWEETIE!
HI SWEETIE!
I CAN SEE THROUGH YOU.
THE FORCE!
THAT'S THE PROBLEM WITH YOU SKRULLS, EVEN WHEN IT DOESN'T WORK, ALL YOU HAVE ARE TRICKS.
COMMANDOS!
SAVE THE RUBBER MAN!
ON IT, BOSS.
HI, DOCTOR RICHARDS. OH BOY, I'M A HUGE FAN, MY NAME IS HENRY--
NOT THE TIME--
--BIG GUY. YOU'LL--
--SEE HIM AT THE--
--AFTER PARTY.
BAM BAM BAM BAM BAM BAM
OKAY, BOYS... TIME TO TAKE THIS @#$% TO THE NEXT LEVEL!
RIGHT.
THE HOOD, CRIME KINGPIN
WOLVERINE, X-MAN/AVENGER

AAARRGG!!

ZZATTT

ZZATTT

HAARRGGH!

ZZATTT

AAGGH!

CHUNK

ZZATTT

RRRGG!

WHO?

HEY, YOU KNOW WHAT, THIS AIN'T SO BAD, ALL THINGS CONSIDERED.

HOW'S THAT EXACTLY?

THESE BIG EARTH SHAKERS, I'VE BEEN AROUND THEM. YOU KNOW WHEN YOU HAVE TO WORRY, IS WHEN UATU SHOWS UP.

THE *WATCHER!*

BIG ALIEN BALD GUY IN CHARGE OF WATCHING WHEN THE TRULY INSANE STUFF HAPPENS.

HE'S NOT HERE SO THAT MUST MEAN WE'RE GOING TO BE OKAY AND--

OH *COME ON...*

LUKE CAGE

BEG TO DIFFER.

CRUNCH

S.H.I.E.L.D. COMMAND, THIS IS TONY STARK. CAN ANYONE READ THIS FREQUENCY? OVER.

HELICARRIER, CAN YOU READ ME? OVER?

DAMN IT.

JARVIS, CAN YOU--

FLANG

AGH!

WELL, THAT'S YOUR OPINION.

FSHHAAAMMM

S.H.I.E.L.D. COMMAND, THIS IS TONY STARK.

THERE ARE NO WORDS TO DESCRIBE THE MADNESS WE'RE SEEING UNFOLD BEFORE US.

SKROOM

AVENGERS TOWER

THE POWERED COMMUNITIES HAVE JOINED FORCES AGAINST THE ARMIES OF THIS SKRULL EMPIRE.

WE'RE TRYING TO GET YOU WHAT INFORMATION WE HAVE AS IT COMES IN. TONY STARK, DIRECTOR OF--

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@#$%!

JARVIS

JESSICA JONES

@#$%!

MA'AM?

JARVIS, I NEED TO GO HELP.

THE BATTLE, MA'AM?

YES.

WILL YOU, PLEASE, WILL YOU LOOK AFTER DANIELLE?

YES.

YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT I'M ASKING?

YOU UNDERSTAND WE MAY NOT COME BACK.

I UNDERSTAND COMPLETELY.

BABY, MOMMY HAS TO GO DO THE RIGHT THING FOR ONCE IN HER LIFE.

I'M GOING TO GO HELP YOUR DADDY.

YEAH.
Geegee.
Geegee.
BOOM
IS THAT--?
INCOMING!

BRAWL

MY NAME IS NOH-VARR!

I AM A WARRIOR OF THE KREE.

IN THE NAME OF CAPTAIN MAR-VELL!

IN THE NAME OF THE KREE EMPIRE!

I TELL YOU INVADING HORDES THAT THIS *FIGHT IS OVER!*

THAT'S OUR CUE, GUYS AND DOLLS!
HIT 'EM HIGH, HIT 'EM LOW!
THUNDERBOLTS, TAKE THE FRONT LINE!
YOU HEAR THAT?!
HAVE AT THEE!
SON OF A--
HI, BABY.
WELL, IF THIS AIN'T THE LAST PLACE I EVER EXPECTED TO SEE YOU.
I AM AN ENIGMA WRAPPED IN A RIDDLE.
WHAM
PROBABLY WHY I MARRIED YOU.
I THOUGHT IT WAS THE--
HEY, WHERE'S THE BABY?
BABY COULDN'T BE SAFER. OH, AND YOU WERE RIGHT ABOUT THE SKRULL THING.
SHE ADMITTED I WAS RIGHT.
ALL OF A SUDDEN IT'S THE BEST DAY A'MY LIFE.
CLANG
HAWKEYE!
AAGHH!
SHE'S BARELY BREATHING.
GET HER OUT OF HERE.
I'LL TAKE THESE.

SHPUNK
FUNK
SHPUNK
FUNK
BOOM
ЯДBOOM
FДBOOM
BOOM
RRA!
DAMN!

CHUCK

NO...

FUMP

HUURRAGGHH!

AAGGH!

BOOM BOOM BOOM

THEN THIS IS HOW IT MUST BE.

HE LOVES US

HE LOVES US ALL

TEN

AGH!

I--I NEED A LITTLE--

FABOOM

AAAGGHHH!

ANNIVERSARY PRESENT.

ANNIVERSARY OF WHAT?

IT'S JUST A PRESENT.

IT'S SOMETHING I WAS WORKING ON BEFORE YOU LEFT ME IN ENGLAND.

I WAS GOING TO SURPRISE YOU WITH IT.

OH, NO...

JANET?!

WHAT IS IT?

A NEW GROWTH FORMULA.

VAST IMPROVEMENT OVER THE ORIGINAL ONE THAT MADE YOU THE WASP AND ME ANT-MAN, THEN GIANT-MAN AND SO ON...

NOW IF YOU NEED TO BE THE WASP, YOU CAN SHRINK DOWN.

BUT IF THE SITUATION CALLS FOR A *GIANT* WOMAN, YOU CAN GO RIGHT FROM WASP TO GIANT WOMAN...

...LIKE THAT.

I FIGURED WITH THE NEW TEAM, THE NEW WORLD, THE INITIATIVE. AND WHATEVER ELSE...

...IT MIGHT BE NICE TO HAVE THE OPTION.

UH, THANKS...

OH, NO...

SEE, CHILD? THAT IS WHY YOUR PEOPLE HAVE TO SUBMIT.

WE CAME HERE WILLING TO DIE SO THAT GOD'S WILL COULD BE DONE.

THEY JUST DO NOT UNDERSTAND.

"THERE IS ONLY ONE WAY THIS ENDS.

"THEY DIE. WE DIE. IT DOESN'T MATTER.

"AS LONG AS THE WORDS OF OUR PROPHETS COME TRUE."

"THE BATTLE IN NEW YORK WAS FIERCE."

"THE BATTLE *WAS* FIERCE, YES."

"I CAN'T EVEN IMAGINE."

"THE SKRULL EMPIRE HAD SO MANY TRICKS UP THEIR SLEEVE. SO MANY PLANS AND CONTINGENCY PLANS...THEY'D MORE THAN HALFWAY WON BEFORE IT HAD EVEN STARTED.

"YOU CAN'T HELP BUT ADMIRE THEM."

"ADMIRE?"

"THE PLANS. THE EXECUTION."

"I UNDERSTAND. WHAT--WHAT EXACTLY *HAPPENED* WITH JANET VAN DYNE?"

"THE WASP. YES.

"THAT--THAT IS WHAT I MEAN.

"IT WOULD SEEM THEY HAD SET HER UP AS A LAST RESORT BIOLOGICAL WEAPON.

"THEY INFECTED THE GROWTH FORMULA SHE USES TO TURN HERSELF INTO THE WASP OR GIANT-WOMAN...THEY MAY HAVE DONE THIS MONTHS BEFORE.

"IT SEEMS THEY HAD HER READY TO GO IN CASE THINGS GOT DESPERATE."

"AND THEY DID."

"YES. THEY DID."

"BUT WHAT HAPPENED?"

"THOR HAPPENED.

AAARRGGHHH!

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"YOU PROBABLY SAW THE FOOTAGE. HE WASN'T THE ONLY ONE.

"EVERYONE WHO WASN'T PUKING UP THEIR LUNGS TRIED TO GET TO HER. TO HELP HER.

"IT SEEMED THAT THE WASP HERSELF WAS TRYING TO GET AWAY.

"IN HER DYING BREATH SHE WAS TRYING TO SAVE LIVES AND TAKE OUT ENEMIES.

"BUT SHE WAS KILLING US.

"HUMAN AND SKRULL ALIKE.

"THERE WAS ONLY ONE WAY TO STOP IT.

I WILL AVENGE THEE, FAIR JANET.

NEWS

"DOESN'T MAKE HER DEATH ANY LESS TRAGIC.

"AN AVENGER. A FOUNDING MEMBER.

"AND THEY GOT HER.

NO...

NO, NO...

"THING IS--I DON'T KNOW IF THE SKRULLS, FOR ALL THEIR PLANNING, TRULY UNDERSTAND US.

"AS HUMANS.

"BECAUSE I THINK IF THEY *DID*, THEY'D KNOW THAT WHETHER OR NOT A STUNT LIKE THAT WOULD HAVE WORKED...

"WHOEVER SURVIVED...

"WHOEVER WAS LEFT...

"...WOULD BE *INSANELY* TICKED OFF."

SNIKT

HE LOVES ME...

HE LOVES ME...

HE LOVES ME...

HE LOVES ME...

FZAAK!

"BUT ONLY ONE PERSON GOT THE KILLSHOT.

"NORMAN OSBORN.

"ALL THE NETWORKS WERE COVERING IT LIVE. EVERYONE ON THE PLANET SAW IT.

"IT WAS, QUITE LITERALLY, THE SHOT HEARD 'ROUND THE WORLD."

THUNDERBOLTS, M-MAKE SURE NONE OF THEM WEASEL AWAY.

NO LOOSE ENDS.

AVENGERS!

THOSE WHO CAN, TAKE TO THE SKY.

BRING THE WARSHIPS DOWN BEFORE THEY TRY TO RUN.

OR WORSE!

"HOW DID TONY STARK FIND HIMSELF BACK IN THE GAME? I THOUGHT THEY GOT TO HIM."

"HE HAD ANOTHER SUIT OF ARMOR, NOT TIED TO THE STARKTECH MAINFRAME.

"IT WAS ENOUGH TO KEEP HIM GOING."

TONY, IS THAT YOU?

OLD SCHOOL. YEAH. I HAD IT IN STORAGE AT THE TOWER.

ARE YOU OKAY?

OKAY. ENOUGH.

DID YOU SEE WHAT HAPPENED TO JANET?

I SAW.

"AND THOSE WHO COULD FLY TOOK TO THE SKY.

"ARES TOOK THE WARSHIP THAT WAS HOVERING OVER THE CITY PROPER ALL BY HIMSELF.

"HE DROPPED IT RIGHT INTO THE ATLANTIC."

"ALL BY HIMSELF?"

"THEY SAY HE IS THE GOD OF WAR."

"AND THE OTHERS?"

"ACCORDING TO STARK'S INITIAL TESTIMONY AND REPORTS...

"...WHAT WAS LEFT OF THE ARMADA WAS *ATTEMPTING* TO RETREAT.

"BUT WITHOUT A PROPER LEADERSHIP CHAIN THEY WERE CAUGHT SPINNING THEIR WHEELS WHEN THOR WHIPPED OUT THE HAMMER."

COME ON, GUYS... KEEP THE CASUALTIES LIGHT.

I WANT PRISONERS.

"WHATEVER STARK HAD LEFT...

"...IT WAS ENOUGH FOR HIM TO SCAN THE SKRULL WARSHIPS FOR OTHER DOOMSDAY DEVICES.

"BUT WHAT HE FOUND..."

OH MY GOD...

"IT SAYS HERE THAT STARK WAS ABLE TO OVERRIDE THEIR TECH WITH HIS TECH?"

TOSS

"AT LEAST ENOUGH TO GET INTO THE ONE SHIP AND TAKE CONTROL OF IT."

OH, MAN...

HOLD ON TO SOMETHIN'!

HEY...
WHAT'S UP?

OH, THANK GOD!
CAROL--MAN, ARE YOU A SIGHT.
ARE--ARE YOU OKAY?
NO!
I'M--I'M TIRED AND I'M SO OUT OF SORTS IT'S NOT EVEN A *LITTLE* FUNNY. AND I--

WHAT?
WHAT DID I DO?
YOU DIDN'T DO ANYTHING.
WHY IS EVERYONE LOOKING AT ME LIKE THAT?
NO ONE--NO ONE KNOWS WHAT TO THINK.
WHY?

"THERE WERE SIGHTINGS OF DOZENS OF KNOWN CRIMINALS--"
"YES, SIR."
"WHAT HAPPENED TO THEM?"
GUYS, IF I MAY, I THINK THIS IS AS GOOD A TIME AS ANY TO TAKE OUR LEAVE.
YEAH, NO @#$%.

HANK PYM!
TELL ME THAT'S YOU, TONY.
IT'S ME.
OH, MAN, DO I EVEN WANT TO KNOW WHAT YEAR IT IS?
HOW-- HOW DO YOU FEEL?
HOW DO I FEEL? I FEEL LIKE I SLEPT FOR TWO HUNDRED--

THOR! THOR, YOU'RE BACK! YOU'RE OKAY!
AYE. OLD FRIEND!
WHERE'S JANET?

WHERE'S JANET?

OH, NO.
WHAT'S WRONG, JESSICA?

JARVIS?
SIR?
WELL, THAT ANSWERS A LOT OF QUESTIONS.
I SEEM TO HAVE FOUND MYSELF IN A RATHER AWKWARD--
STEADY, MY FRIEND.
I'M SO SORRY, SIR. I FEEL LIKE I HAVE LET YOU--

OH GOD!
NO!

JESSICA!

WE'RE SEEING LIVE IMAGES OF THE BATTLEFIELD.

IRON MAN HAS LANDED A SHIP IN CENTRAL PARK. THERE'S A LOT OF PEOPLE MILLING ABOUT. WE'RE NOT SURE EXACTLY--

NUH!

SKRAASH

NO, NO, NO...

OH, GOD...

WHAT THE HELL, JESS?

THE *BABY*, LUKE.

THEY TOOK *OUR BABY!*

WHAT?

JARVIS. THE JARVIS THAT WAS HERE.

IT WAS ONE OF *THEM!* AND-- AND I *GAVE HIM THE BABY!*

AND NOW--AND *NOW...*

THEY TOOK THE BABY!

"I HAVE A QUESTION. WHY DO YOU THINK THE SKRULLS KEPT THEIR HUMAN PRISONERS ALIVE?

"IF THEY HAD SUCCESSFULLY SWITCHED THEM OUT, WHY DIDN'T THEY, I DON'T KNOW, DUMP THE BODIES?"

"WELL, SIR, I THOUGHT IT WAS IN CASE THEY NEEDED BARGAINING CHIPS.

"THAT'S WHAT *I* WOULD HAVE DONE.

"BUT ACCORDING TO THE SKRULL PRISONER INTERROGATION, THE PROCESS THESE SKRULLS USED TO COMPLETELY INFILTRATE OUR RANKS WAS A GENETIC PROCESS, AND THEY NEEDED THE ORIGINAL SOURCES AVAILABLE."

"CREEPY."

"YES."

NICK! NICK?!

"EITHER WAY, AFTER ALL THIS TIME, IT WAS NICE TO BE ABLE TO LOOK EVERYONE IN THE EYE AND KNOW...

"EVERYONE IS WHO THEY SAY THEY ARE."

THANK GOD, A FRIENDLY FACE.

NICK!

THE HELL WAS THAT?

MAYBE HE DIDN'T SEE US.

HE SAW US.

HE--HE JUST TURNED HIS BACK ON US?

WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
BOBBIE MORSE. MOCKINGBIRD.
YOU'RE A S.H.I.E.L.D. AGENT TOO?
YEAH.
ME, TOO.
GOOD TO MEET YOU.
DO YOU KNOW WHAT'S *HAPPENED* HERE? DO YOU KNOW WHERE WE ARE NOW?
I KNOW WHAT *YOU* KNOW.
DO YOU KNOW HOW WE GOT HERE?
GUESS WE'LL FIND OUT IN A--
I'M A LITTLE FREAKED OUT.
YEAH, THAT'S HOW YOU KNOW YOU'RE NOT--
--CRAZY NUTS.
CLINT?
IS IT YOU?
OH MY GOD, YOU LOOK *TERRIBLE.*
YOU LOOK GREAT.
WHAT ARE YOU *WEARING?*

REED, OH MY GOD!
SUSAN, I--
I'M SO GLAD YOU'RE OKAY.
I CAN'T WAIT TO HEAR THIS--
UH, REED?
OH MY GOD! THE *KIDS!*
LET'S GO.
PLEASE, STAY-- BEHIND--THE-- BARRICADES!
EXCUSE ME, SERGEANT.
OH, THANK GOD! WHAT *HAPPENED?*
PLEASE, GET EVERYONE *AWAY FROM THE BAXTER BUILDING.*
WHAT DO WE DO?
THERE'S A SECURE LINE BACKUP PROCEDURE IN SUB-BASEMENT NINE.
THERE *IS?*
IN CASE THE NEGATIVE ZONE PORTAL IS EVER BREACHED.
YOU CAN'T HAVE A NEGATIVE ZONE PORTAL IN YOUR *LIVING ROOM* AND NOT HAVE A CONTINGENCY PLAN, SWEETIE.
WHAT ABOUT OUR CHILDREN?!
THEY'RE WITH JOHNNY OR BEN, WE HAVE TO PRAY TO GOD THEY ARE--

THE *BLUE* ONE!
I DON'T KNOW.
YOU HIT THE BLUE BUTTON FIRST.
WHY DIDN'T REED LEAVE A MANUAL?
I'M TELLING YOU, I REMEMBER--
HI, MOMMY!
MOMMY!
BABIES!
THERE YOU ARE!
YOU WOULD NOT *BELIEVE* THE DAY WE'VE HAD!
I *BET.*
THERE WAS A SKRULL-SUE AND SHE--AND SHE--
I KNOW ALL ABOUT IT.
WE WERE TRAPPED IN THE *NEGATIVE ZONE.*
THANK YOU FOR SAVING THE CHILDREN.
SUE'D KILL US IF WE CAME BACK HERE WITHOUT THEM.
MOMMY, SOMEONE WAS DRESSED LIKE YOU AND THEY BLEW UP THE *WHOLE HOUSE!*
I KNOW. IT WASN'T ME.
WE TOTALLY KNOW.
I'M SO *PROUD* OF YOU.
WE KINDA TOOK CARE OF IT OURSELVES. JUST SO YOU KNOW.
OKAY, EVERYBODY OUT.
JUST IN CASE.

TK!

TK!

TK!

THOR, WE HAVE SO MUCH TO DO. THERE'S SO MUCH--

I'M--I'M JUST REALLY GLAD YOU'RE BACK WITH US.

I'M GLAD WE CAN FINALLY--

DON'T MISUNDERSTAND MY INTENTIONS, STARK. I CAME HERE BECAUSE I WAS NEEDED.

I *TOLD* YOU I WOULD NEVER FIGHT ALONGSIDE YOU AGAIN.

I TOLD YOU I WOULD NEVER JOIN THY RANKS AGAIN.

I *ABHOR* WHAT THOU HAST BECOME AND I'M SURE I WILL NOT BE THE ONLY ONE WHO FINDS THE BLAME IN ALL THIS TO FALL SQUARE ON THY SHOULDERS.

YOU OKAY, TEDDY?

HEY, DON'T SHAPE-SHIFT ONE MOLECULE OR I'LL SHIFT YOUR WHOLE HEAD OFF YOUR BODY.

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KATE, EVEN WITH THE LITTLE I KNOW ABOUT MY HERITAGE, I KNOW THIS ISN'T WHAT THE SKRULL EMPIRE STANDS FOR.

THIS WAS EXTREMISM. THIS WAS TERRORISM.

I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY THEY WANT THE EARTH SO BADLY.

DIDN'T YOU SAY THEY HAVE A DOZEN PLANETS?

THEY *DO*.

WE DO *NOT*

TRAGEDY HAS DECIMATED OUR PEOPLE

OUR PLANETS NO LONGER EXIST

OUR *FAITH* WAS OUR LAST CHANCE

THIS WAS OUR LAST CHANCE.

"SO LET'S TALK ABOUT WHAT'S IMPORTANT NOW."

STARK IS THE ONE WHO STOOD ON THE MOUNTAINTOP AND DECIDED HE WAS IN CHARGE OF THE WORLD.

HE'S THE ONE WHO SAID HE COULD PROTECT US ALL. BUT HE ***COULDN'T.***

I AGREE, MISTER PRESIDENT.

THERE'S A SCHOOL OF THOUGHT THAT SAYS: A LITTLE LESS TIME FIGHTING THEMSELVES AND A LITTLE MORE TIME WITH AN EYE ON THE SKY, NONE OF THIS HAD TO HAPPEN.

I AGREE.

SO I'M SAYING RIGHT NOW: TONY STARK IS ***OUT.***

AND ***YOU,*** SIR, YOU ARE ***IN.***

THANK YOU, MISTER PRESIDENT.

ARE YOU ASKING ME, SIR, TO BE THE DIRECTOR OF S.H.I.E.L.D.?

NO.

S.H.I.E.L.D. IS NO LONGER VIABLE.

IT HAS BEEN COMPROMISED AND IS BEING SHUT DOWN.

IT WILL BE REPLACED WITH SOMETHING FAR MORE SUPERIOR AND MODERN.

AND ITS GOALS WILL BE TO KEEP THIS PLANET SAFE FROM THOSE WHO WOULD ***ATTACK*** IT FROM INSIDE ***AND*** OUT.

IF THIS INVASION HAS PROVED ANYTHING AT ALL, IT'S THAT WE NEED A CERTAIN TYPE OF MAN AT THE HEAD OF THAT TABLE.

WE'VE ALL SEEN THE FOOTAGE, WE'VE SEEN A TRUE HERO AT WORK.

WE KNOW WHAT TYPE OF HERO WE NEED WATCHING THE SKIES.

AND THAT MAN IS...

NORMAN OSBORN.

ALL THAT FELL UNDER THE S.H.I.E.L.D. BANNER, INCLUDING THE AVENGERS AND THE FIFTY-STATE INITIATIVE NOW FALLS UNDER THE THUNDERBOLTS INITIATIVE.

AND I WANT TO MAKE SOMETHING PERFECTLY CLEAR...STARK TECH WILL NO LONGER BE USED IN ANY FORM OF DEFENSE CAPACITY OR BY THE MILITARY.

OBVIOUSLY THE ENTIRETY OF STARK ENTERPRISES HAS BEEN COMPROMISED TO THE POINT OF USELESSNESS.

STARK ENTERPRISES/WESTCHESTER FACILITY.

WILL TONY STARK BE INDICTED?

A FULL-SCALE INVESTIGATION INTO WHAT WENT ON WILL BE CONDUCTED AND THOSE DEEMED NEGLIGENT WILL HAVE TO ANSWER--

WELL, AIN'T THAT A KICK IN THE HEAD.

HOW LONG BEFORE THEY REALIZE THEY JUST HANDED THE KEYS TO A--TONY?

TONY, ARE YOU OKAY?

ARE YOU OKAY?

WHAT?

AVENGERS TOWER.

THANK YOU FOR MEETING WITH ME.

OKAY.

IT'S A NEW DAY.

SO LISTEN CAREFULLY...

THIS IS HOW IT'S GOING TO BE...

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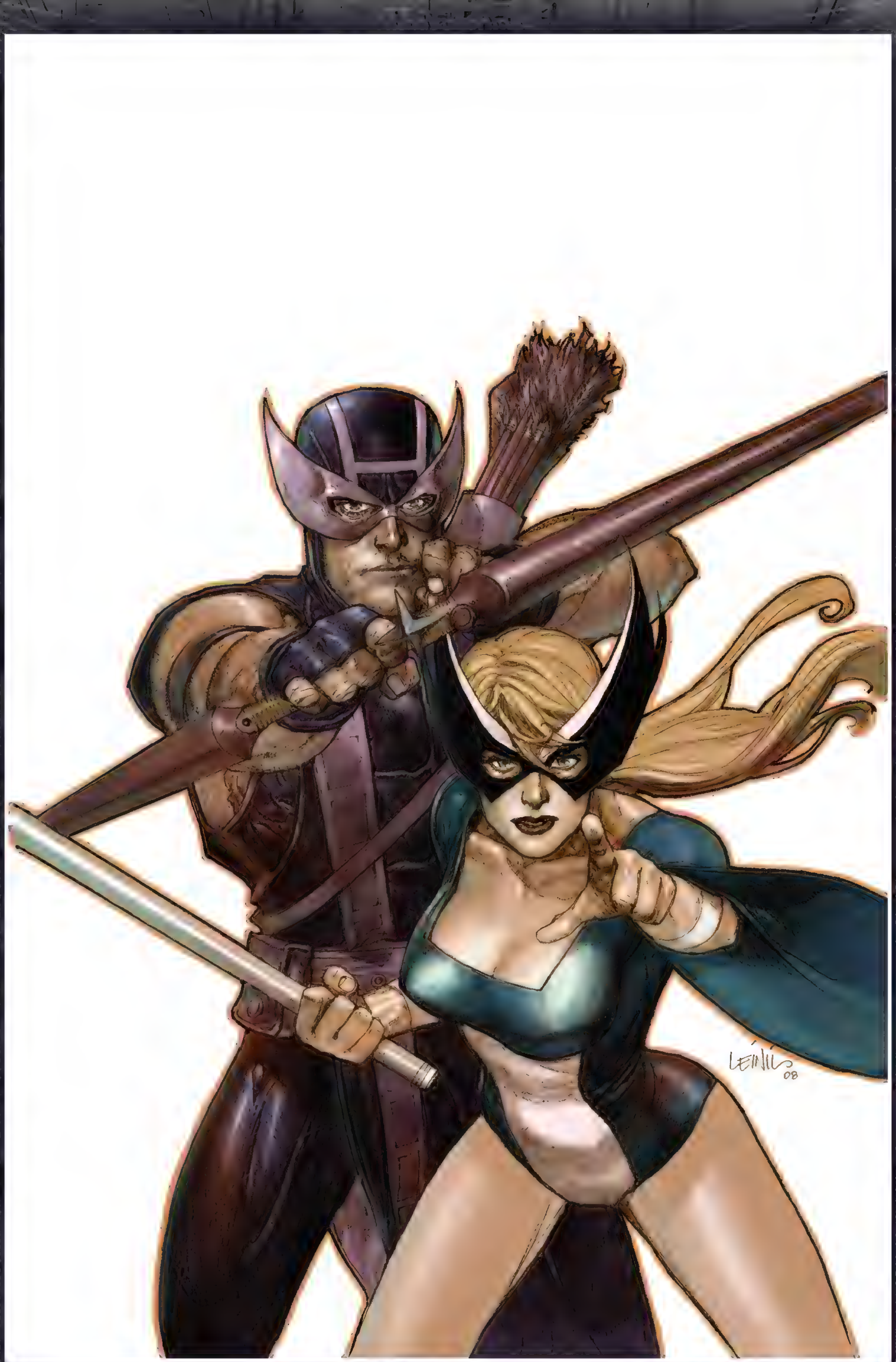

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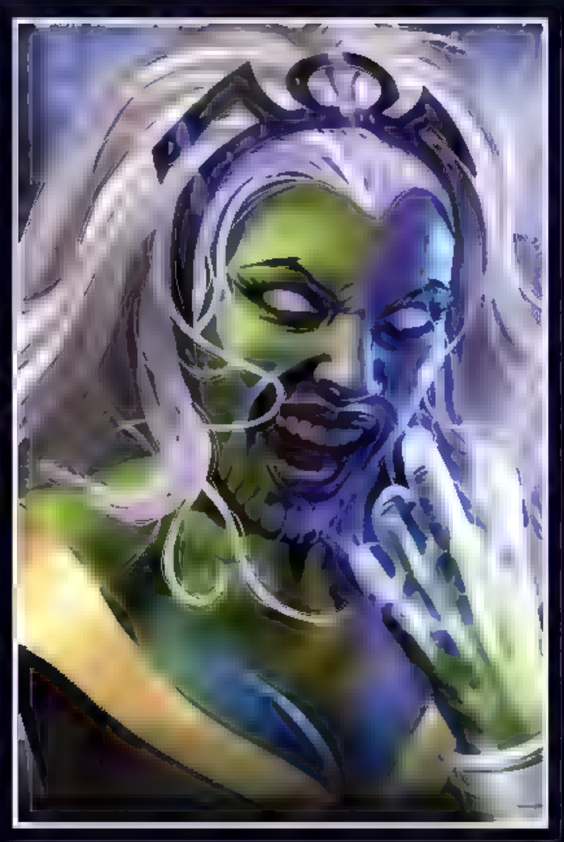

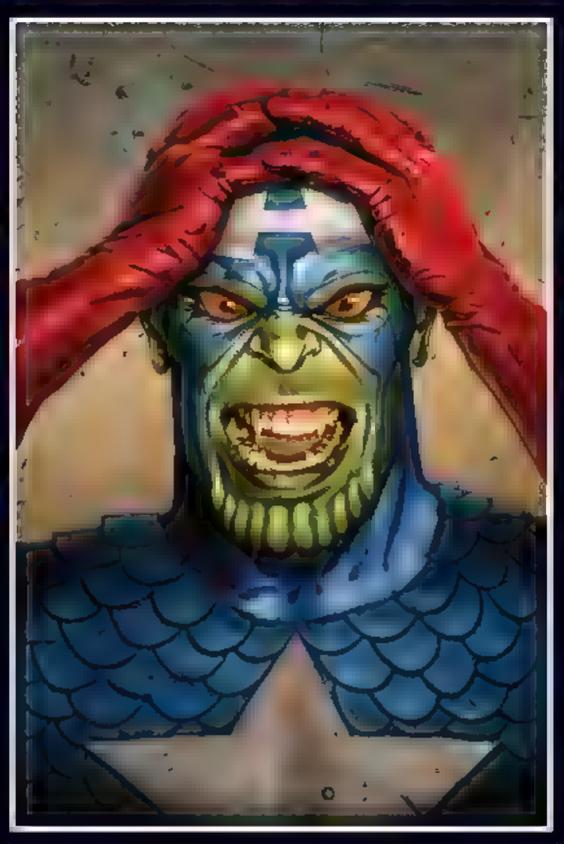

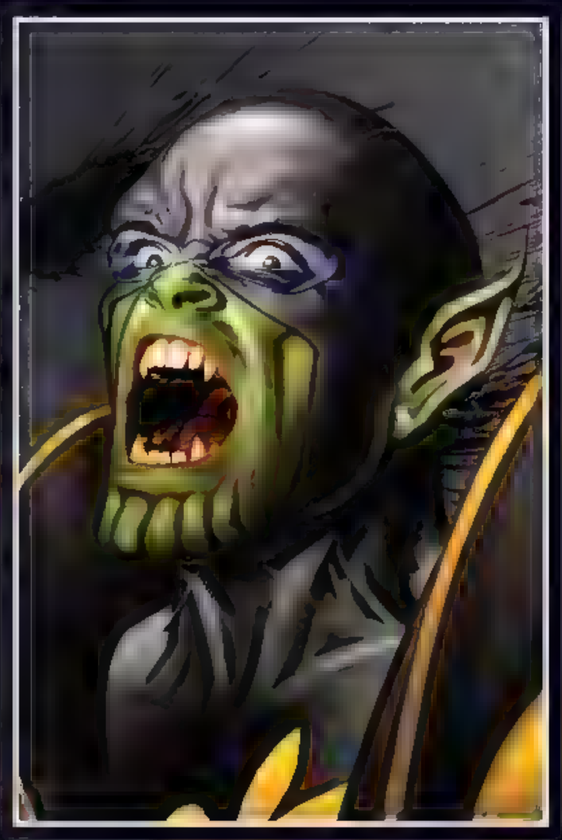

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